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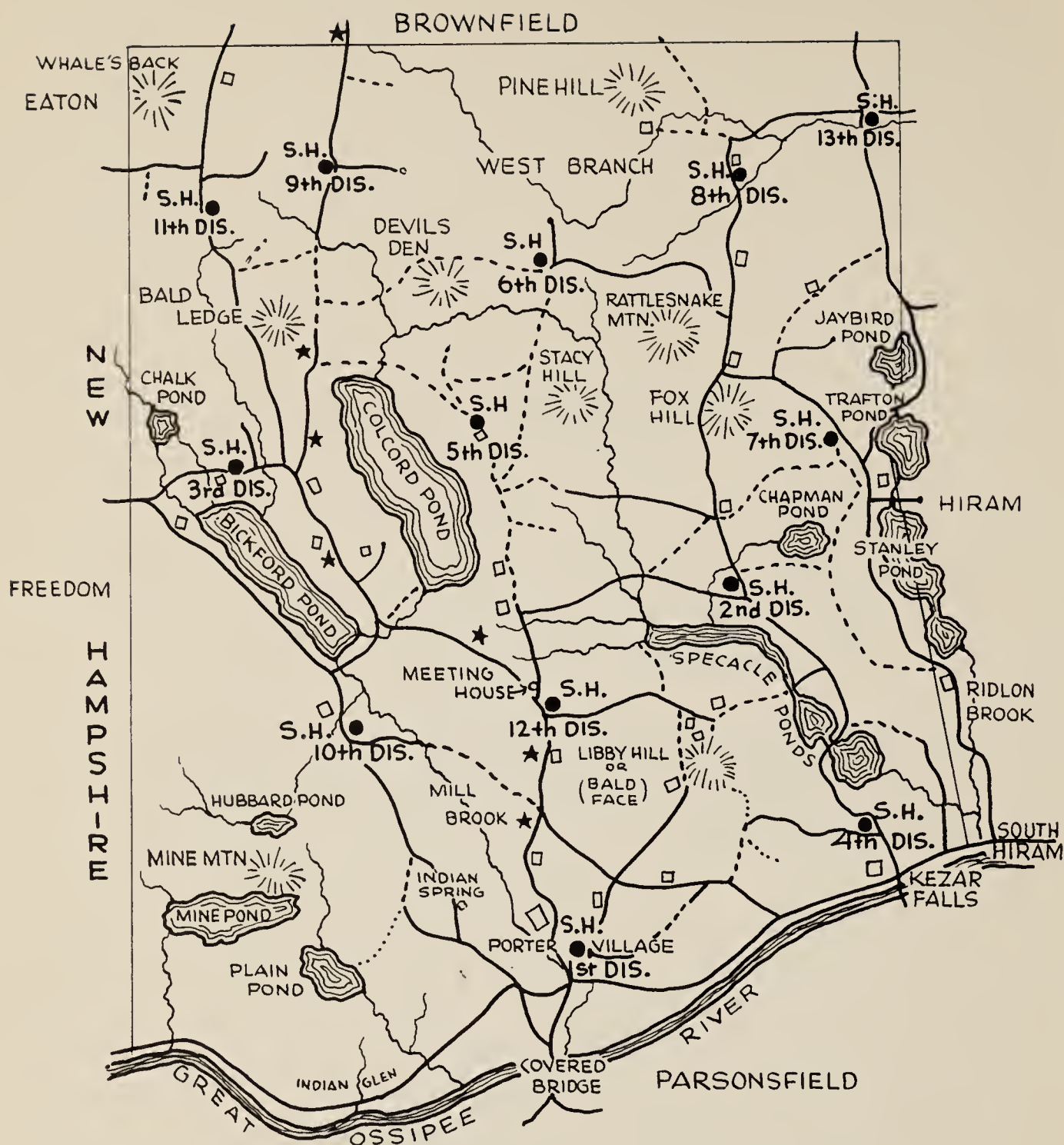


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## DEDICATION

*To the descendants of the heroic men and women who subdued the primeval wilderness of Porter, this history is respectfully inscribed.*





## TOWN OF PORTER

"S.H." INDICATES SITES OF THE 13 DISTRICT SCHOOLS  
(1869 - 1879)

BROKEN LINES REPRESENT ABANDONED ROADS (1956)

FIRST COUNTY ROAD MARKED BY STARS ★★ ★

BURIAL GROUNDS BY SQUARES □□□□□□

Map sketched by William Teg



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## INTRODUCTION

Only a person of indomitable perseverance, experience as a writer, fondness for hiking and exploring, and devoted to a cause, could have acquired and assembled the almost endless records and statistics involved in the preparation of this labor of love, but Dr. William Teg has done it.

Shortly after the founding of the Parsonsfield-Porter Historical Society in 1946 by Mrs. Ina Emery, supported by a group of unusually co-operative personnel, one of the big tasks that she visualized was that of preparing an up-to-date history of Porter, and, fortunately, we had among our members just the right man for the task, Dr. Teg, who had already proven his effectiveness as a writer by producing a history of Hiram, and a prodigious work of historical character, *Almuchicoitt*, a book involving twenty-seven years of research work.

Dr. Teg's love of the great out-of-doors has served as a stimulant, I am sure, in his search for historical lore throughout the hills and dales of old Porter, for he has not been satisfied with simply consulting written matter and people, he has chosen also, to get the feel of his subject, so to speak, and that could be accomplished only by seeing it from the Great Ossipee River on the south to the Brownfield line on the north; from the Hiram line on the east to the New Hampshire border on the west.

There is something pathetic about the hidden graveyards, the half-filled cellars, the abandoned roads, the tumbling stone walls, the still visible foundations of schoolhouses of long ago, and the same little brooks that our forefathers converted to power for running many a saw and gristmill now sweeping down through yawning gaps in formerly useful mill dams. Pathetic, maybe, yet typical of many a rural town. Viewed from the angle of the statistician, this might mean lack of progress, but the philosophic historian treats it



as a way of life. He sees in these relics of days departed what were once stepping stones to progress. He feels a sort of reverence for those hardy pioneers who never enjoyed the privilege of listening to the radio; nor of watching a TV miracle; nor of being carried along over their rough roads on rubber tires.

He reasons that those good people got just as much out of life as their great, great grandchildren of the present generation and some years before the turn of the century. They were builders of the future and in that realization they plied their daily labors, and were happy.

What we now are accustomed to speak of as relics of bygone days are really stepping-stones from the days of those who realized their happiness from their labors to the present era of greater leisure. It all illustrates the way of life.

We may well look upon the old landmarks with pride and say "that's where our ancestors laid the foundation of today's easier way of life for us." Shall we call it a Labor of Love? Certainly! So let us forget that adjective "pathetic" and use the more appropriate word, "inspiring."

A beautiful section of Maine throughout the four seasons — with its three "gems of the hills," Colcord, Bickford and Stanley Ponds; with its spectacular elevations, such as Baldface, Burnt Meadow, Devil's Den, Rattlesnake, Pine Hill, Bald Ledge and Whale's Back; with its popular picnic spot at Indian Glen, and with the Great Ossipee River skirting its southern border, our town, Porter, including a portion of the thrifty village of Kezar Falls, represents a segment of our grand American Heritage of which we may well be proud.

We bow in reverence to the memory of those far-sighted, tireless, God-fearing ancestors of ours, who chose to cast their lots here and hew a living from the wilderness, who laid out the old roads and built the amazing stone walls that run hither and yon across the rugged terrain, who added beauty to these works by planting the trees that in later years were and still are a joy to behold; who gave us such treasured heritages as the old covered bridge; the Porter Old Meeting House, and the unique old cattle pound — historical possessions that are worthy of our most loyal efforts to preserve.

There must always be a conclusion to one's flow of thoughts on

any subject and so it is in the present instance. However, I must express here just a few more that are worthy of a mightier pen than mine, and one is this: We are truly fortunate in having as a leader in our work of creating a lasting interest in the history of our town and of preserving every form of documentary evidence and piece of historical data obtainable, such a tireless, devoted worker as our President, Mrs. Emery, ably assisted by a loyal staff of co-workers, many of whom are the kind that make a success of any worthy project.

To start from scratch as they did ten years ago, and inside of nine years save enough to buy a real home for the Society was an accomplishment not easily excelled anywhere. Aside from the returns from dues and a \$100 donation by a real friend of all worthy causes, Mrs. William Garner, this was effected the hard way — by sales of pictured plates, stationery, aprons made by the members, calendars, post cards, books, auctions made possible by the donations of friends, and by annual contributions collected at services held in the old Meeting House.

The second thought still waiting for expression has to do with more about the author of this work, Dr. Teg.

It is all very well to say, "Well done, good friend," but that comes far short of telling the story of our appreciation. Nor does it in any way cover the matter of the work involved. The preparation and arranging of the data herein was a stupendous job, consuming hours, days and years of valuable time.

True, Dr. Teg, the meanwhile produced his *Vikings and Vagabonds*, chiefly an autobiography, and yet dealing with people and places that have made history. He has also found time to do considerable prospecting in several sections of York and Oxford counties, and is fast becoming a real celebrity because of his knowledge of archeology, anthropology, geology and paleography, and his ever-ready willingness to respond to requests for his services. Nevertheless, no one can read this historical book without realizing something about the vast amount of work involved in its production.

Should you like to know more about this man who has given of himself, his time and his ability as a searcher after facts, a quotation from the publisher of his recent book, *Vikings and Vagabonds*, will enlighten you. Quote: "Dr. Wm. Teg has traveled extensively in



his research work in history and natural history. He has majored in theology and several foreign languages, including Old Norse. His study of biology led to a doctorate in physiological therapeutics (Chicago, Ill.) and Doctor of Osteopathy (New York).” And I might add, he studied commercial telegraphy at Fargo, N. D. when he was sixteen; taught anatomy and physiology in New York City at the age of twenty-six, served with the A. E. F. in France in the first World War — as a stretcher-bearer in the ambulance corps, and as a nurse in the field hospital. Since his return to his native land in our U. S. A., he has taught physical education at various therapeutic institutes in New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. Furthermore, he gives the Dickson School of Memory (Chicago) the greatest credit for his success — his subsequent study of the history of music and musicians at the National Academy of Music (Chicago) further enhanced his enjoyment of travel and research.

“He profits most who serves the best” is an adage that is fitly exemplified by the author of this book, and by the active members of the Parsonsfield-Porter Historical Society. It was exemplified long ago by those undaunted pioneers who chose the rugged hills and vales of old Porter for laying the foundation of their future heritage to us.

May we always keep the faith and honor their memory by respecting their accomplishments, and by gratefully carrying on.

GEORGE FRENCH

## AUTHOR'S PREFACE

The history of any community requires from time to time to be re-written, inasmuch as mankind is constantly on the march. The writer's original intention was to pick up the thread of history where his predecessor, Hon. Thomas Moulton, had laid it down in 1879, but a subsequent thought persuaded him to adopt a better plan; namely, to start at the very beginning.

It was George Kezar, a native of Canterbury, N. H., who revealed to the Libbys of Pittsfield, N. H., the potential wealth of the region which eventually became known as the town of Porter.

The writer has endeavored to delineate the leading events pertinent to Porter from 1781 to 1957. How he has performed his task, he must leave it to the public to judge. Suffice it to say, whatever the verdict might be, he has already been adequately compensated for his efforts through the pleasures enjoyed and the knowledge acquired amongst his fellow countrymen in a land so richly endowed with peace and scenic grandeur!

WILLIAM TEG  
"Solitude,"  
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# I

## FORMATIVE YEARS

### Formative Years

(1781 - 1807)

OCTOBER 19, 1781 marks a momentous event in the annals of American history — the British surrender by Cornwallis at Yorktown, Virginia. Prior to this time, all the thirteen colonies had virtually been “debatable land.” The contestants involved in this controversial issue were the aborigines (Amerinds), the colonists, the French, and, the British. The Battle of Yorktown — the final engagement of the Revolution, had eliminated the last barrier (British domination) to American independence and freedom. That this epoch-making news brought about great rejoicing throughout the colonies is understandable. The resultant reaction everywhere was a new and brighter outlook on the future.

Our story chiefly concerns itself with one small section of New England; a densely wooded area situated amongst the foothills of the White Mountains. This tract, which ultimately became known as the town of Porter, was first settled by the Libbys of Pittsfield, New Hampshire. Meshach Libby (born about 1750), the eldest child of John and wife, ? Libby, must have been the most venturesome member of the family, inasmuch as he volunteered to become the forerunner — to go, unaccompanied, into the wilderness of Maine to establish a home for himself and his kin. To play the part of a pioneer in any field of endeavor naturally calls for an extraordinary degree of courage and resourcefulness!

Meshach Libby’s departure for the District of Maine took place a few weeks after the cessation of hostilities — news traveled slowly in those days. He had his mind set on reaching destination at the earliest possible moment. The distance, although not great — some 60 miles, would take several days of steady travel to cover as the



country to be traversed had only bad roads and rough trails to offer the wayfarer.

It was on a crisp morning in the early part of November, 1781, that Meshach set out on horseback, first heading directly for the Moose Mountains where he would come upon the Pennacook Trail which he would follow to Ossipee Lake, thence by the Ossipee Trail to destination.

There were few bridges along Mashach's route — most of the streams, especially the small watercourses, had to be forded. Both the Pennacook and the Ossipee Trails were ancient thoroughfares, dating from prehistoric times, and had been in constant use by the Algonquins of the Eastern Woodlands. The Pennacook Trail, between Salmon Falls and Effingham Falls, had been widened to permit the use of vehicles, but the Ossipee Trail, between Effingham Falls and Cornish, was in a state of disrepair.

Effingham Falls was a thriving community at that particular period, thanks to the Iron Works situated on the Great Ossipee River. The ore worked at this smelting establishment came from the nearby bog iron deposits in Berry Bay, Leavitt Bay and at the mouth of Red Brook in Ossipee Lake. The water of the falls supplied the necessary power to motivate the blast furnace and the 500-pound hammer.

Having forded the Great Ossipee at Effingham Falls, Mashach guided his horse onto the partly overgrown Trail; probably more neglected then than it was on a certain day in the late autumn of 1676 when several companies of English soldiers marched up the trail to the Indian village on Ossipee Lake bent upon destroying the stockaded fort!

The present town of Freedom was yet "unborn" — a wilderness known only to the hunter and the trapper; first designated as "North Effingham" when it was incorporated in 1831, later changed to Freedom.

Being versed in woodcraft, Mashach experienced little difficulty in ascertaining his position at any particular place or period. At the present instance, the very moment he espied the waters of the Great Ossipee on his right he knew that he was about to cross the boundary between New Hampshire and the District of Maine — the scene of his future operations lay just ahead!

We are led to infer — this from circumstances alone, that Meshach spent his first night in Porter near the Falls. The name Kezar Falls is derived from the fact that the famous hunter and trapper, George Kezar of Parsonsfield, made frequent use of the Indian foot-bridge that “spanned” the Great Ossipee River at this point. By the way, an Indian foot-bridge was a simple affair; consisting of a number of boulders placed in a zigzag arrangement across the shallow bed of the stream. By some pre-arrangement, Mashach had been advised to “blow his horn” upon his arrival at the Falls, but due to the lateness of the hour — it was dusk, he decided to defer that “call” to the tomorrow’s dawn. With this objective in view, he removed saddle, saddle-bags and blankets from his horse, and after hobbling the animal, turned it loose to graze beside the trail. Then, wrapped in a woolen blanket, he laid himself down to woo slumber. But sleep would not come to him. For several hours he lay awake thinking of home and those he had left behind him — his wife and four young children; his parents; his brothers and sisters. All of them would, however, become reunited in the very near future. To expedite the fulfillment of that reunion was an obligation of paramount importance — that obligation was his, and his alone!

The first thing Meshach did at sunrise next day was to make a “moose call;” this he made of birch bark. He then gave a few vigorous “blasts,” and so realistically did it sound that one could easily have believed that any female moose within earshot would have promptly responded to the call! A reply came a few moments later; no, not from the throat of a moose, but from Kezar’s horn. It would take the aged woodsman about half an hour to reach the Falls, as he lived two miles away up the river. Meanwhile, Meshach would have had his breakfast, saddled his horse and made himself ready to accompany Kezar into the primeval forest!

George Kezar was no ordinary person. That he was a great hunter and trapper is in itself an indication of his having been mentally alert and physically strong. His field of activity embraced the country lying between the Ossipee Mountains and Kezar Lake and could therefore be relied upon for any information respecting this particular region. He knew every stream, pond, lake and bog; every hill and mountain had been his lookout! No wonder, then, that



Meshach wanted Kezar to be his guide.

The two woodsmen spent several days together roaming the pathless forests in search of a suitable place for a habitation. They finally came upon such a spot, about two miles directly north of the village of Porter. Since we have now become localized, it is imperative that we make ourselves understood by employing the "place names" that we find on the present topographic map of the region — Kezar Falls Quadrangle. "Old timers" of Porter will find the year, 1875 — map of the Town of Porter of especial interest as it gives the name of the owner of every homestead — you'll find the map at the home of the Parsonsfield-Porter Historical Society.

The place chosen by Meshach is the one designated as "M. S. Moulton" on the old map of Porter, just referred to. Here, on government land, he decided to stay, with a view to obtain title as soon as possible.

Meshach's immediate concern was to build a temporary shelter for himself and his faithful dobbin. His next move was to make a clearing, then start erecting a substantial dwelling and subsidiary buildings. About this main structure, Thomas Moulton writes: "The walls of the house, first occupied by my father" — originally built by Meshach Libby prior to 1783; farmstead sold to David Moulton, Thomas Moulton's father, in 1792 — "were made of nicely hewn pine timber, locked together at the corners. The house was of sufficient size for three rooms below. Above stairs were the dormitories for the bairns and occasional lodgers. The fire-place and lower part of the chimney were built of carefully selected stone, and the continuation sky-ward was constructed of sticks and clay mortar. This house was occupied as a dwelling until 1809, and afterward as a workshop, until about 1830, when it was torn down."

Meshach worked diligently at his carpentry every day, except on Lord's day, until a week before Christmas when an urge to visit his family in Pittsfield became too strong to resist. The inclemency of the weather contributed greatly toward this decision, besides his dwelling was partly completed; especially its exterior was finished, the rest could wait till next spring. Now he was homeward bound!

His return journey was accomplished without mishap, and the reunion a most happy one! That winter every member of the Libby



family had one thing in common — they all thought and spoke about the unspoiled country Meshach had “discovered” nestling near the White Mountains! Moreover, most of the townspeople found Meshach’s enthusiasm quite contagious, and several of the more enterprising were inspired to adopt their compatriot’s exemplary attitude and migrate!

However, when spring came, their warmth of emotion had greatly diminished — they would “wait and see” what success, if any, Meshach had with his “speculative enterprise” before embarking on a similar undertaking. Twelve years would elapse before any appreciable “exodus” from Pittsfield took place!

Meshach Libby, his wife, Deborah (nee Ely), and three of their four children, Sarah, Mary and Elsy, were the only ones that set out from Pittsfield that spring, in the year, 1782. Deborah rode horseback, and Meshach drove the yoke of oxen that pulled the wagon loaded with furniture and supplies — the three girls were supposed to ride on the wagon, but they much preferred to romp behind the rattling vehicle that crept onward at a snail’s pace over the rutty roads! Incidentally, Meshach’s trek to Maine was met with a prompt and hearty approval by his own parents; in this they were joined by their son, Stephen, who proposed an early journey. This trip was effected without any noteworthy incident a few weeks after Meshach’s departure.

Meshach’s journey was, however, comparatively difficult inasmuch as he actually had to cut his way along the Ossipee Trail after his leaving Effingham Falls — the trail being too narrow for his wagon, and when he came to what is now the site of Porter Village he had to abandon the vehicle as there was neither road nor trail from that point to his cabin in the heart of the forest! The remaining distance had to be covered on foot — all had to wade brooks and force their way through tangled underbrush. The next few days were devoted toward bringing the abandoned load on Ossipee Trail up to the Libby homestead on Libby Hill. A laborious task in which all took an active part. This accomplished, the work of finishing the interior of the dwelling was carried on with vigor and skill. Meshach was still a young person — only thirty-two years of age.

The Libbys added another member to their family about this time

— the newcomer was named, Elizabeth. The only record we have of her is this: "Elizabeth Libby was born between 1781 and 1786, and was the first female child of European descent born within the limits of Porter. She died in childhood and was buried upon the border of her father's garden."

The parents of Meshach and his brother, Stephen, arrived at the Libby homestead in the early part of May, and no time was lost in selecting two lots; one for their father, John, and one for Stephen; both lots adjoining Meshach's. Michael Floyd came next. These men were the first settlers, and since they had settled in Porter prior to the first day of January, 1784, they were legally entitled to receive one hundred acres of land each from the government. This right was recognized by Jeremiah Hill and his associates who purchased the 18,600-acre tract, embodying the present town of Porter and the western section of the town of Brownfield, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on September 24, 1793. The "settlers' deed," however, to the four settlers and this to the proprietors, was dated June 16, 1792.

No settlers came in between 1782 and 1787. During this temporary "lull," the Libbys and the Floyds were busily engaged in making clearings, constructing houses, and building roads. The co-operative spirit was strong among the early settlers — they needed each other's guidance and material support. Meshach Libby had no such assistance when he first came to Porter!

It is a noteworthy fact that all the dwellings and outbuildings were constructed out of logs, usually pine and spruce, as sawed lumber was not attainable — the first sawmill in Porter was built in 1799. The art of constructing loghouses was introduced by the Swedes in 1638, when a group of Swedes and Finns established "New Sweden" on the Delaware River near Wilmington. This type of architecture was soon copied throughout the thirteen colonies, thence moved westward toward the Pacific with the tide of immigration.

The extensive clearings were soon plowed and harrowed, and the rich, virgin soil planted with rye, wheat, oats, flax, millet, timothy and other cereal and fodder-grasses. The vegetable garden would naturally include the bean, pea, potato, carrot, beet, turnip, cucum-



ber, squash, pumpkin and other plants generally grown in the north temperate zone. Of course, every farm had its herb garden — an herb for every physical ailment! Every American farm was, and still is in a few isolated sections of the country, a self-sustaining institution. All the necessities of life were produced on the farm. Again, let me reiterate and elaborate upon the independence and freedom enjoyed by the farmer of the long ago! The forests, the fields, the lakes and streams — all were at the disposal, and contributed to the welfare, of every industrious farmer and his family. Self-help was the very first requisite! “God helps those who help themselves.” With this precept constantly before his mind’s eye, the farmer moved forward unperturbed.

That a farmer had to possess a working knowledge of many trades, is evidenced by the numerous problems confronting him. From childhood he was taught how to use the axe and the saw; the pick and the shovel. As a hunter he knew the value of being able to shoot straight; skin the animal, and prepare the pelt for market — if for his own use, he had to convert the skin into leather by impregnation with an infusion of oak bark or some other form of tannin. This latter act would lead him to the art of making shoes, harnesses and robes. Furthermore, a hunter knew how to dress the flesh of the animal he had killed, either for market or for his own use. As a woodsman, he could readily turn to carpentry — build a house, a boat; tables, beds and chairs. Thus I could go on indefinitely, but enough for the present; elsewhere I’ll again comment on the extraordinary versatility among farmers of the past.

Since many of the records of the early settlers are somewhat sketchy, we are often led to inferences drawn from research. Here’s one case in point: Stephen Libby (b. 1763), Meshach’s brother, returned to Pittsfield, either in the fall of 1782, or in the spring of 1783, after his having built his cabin on his lot in Porter, and to have married Mary Knowles soon thereafter. Their first child, James, was born in Pittsfield on June 5, 1784. Stephen must have returned to Porter prior to April 3, 1786, as their second son, Daniel — the first male child born in Porter, came to this world on that date.

The year, 1787, marks the influx of four additional settlers, namely;





View taken from Libby Hill (Bald Face) in 1956 shows Kezar Falls at left. Towle's Hill, left to center. Davis Hill a bit right of center below the highest mountain. Lumber mills area in right third of picture. The fields of Laurence Stacey (Elm Row Farm) above this area. The Everett Stanley farm at extreme right. The mountains along center horizon are in Cornish.

The homes of the first four settlers were clustered around three sides of this Porter landmark, and not many years later a home was built high up on the eastern slope. This place was first occupied by members of the Gibbs family, and in the 1850s by the Ezra J. and Wm. G. Towle families.



Benjamin Bickford, Benjamin Bickford, Jr., and Samuel Bickford, from Rochester, N. H. The fourth was Benjamin Ellenwood from Groton, Mass. The Bickfords gave their name to Bickford Pond; and Colcord Pond was originally known as "Ellenwood's Pond." The Ellenwood family moved away from the farm on the west shore of the pond prior to 1797 — Mrs. Lamson, Ellenwood's mother-in-law, was the first person to die in Porter; shortly before the death of Elizabeth Libby (date unknown).

An important land-transaction took place in the southern section of Oxford County in 1788 — this civil division of the District of Maine was at that time known as "York." This sale concerns the "Cutler Grant" — of considerable importance to both Porter and Brownfield in the early days. Source of information: Record of Deeds. Book 51. Court House, Alfred, Maine.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

TO

TIMOTHY CUTLER

"Timothy Cutler of Scarborough, District of Maine, purchased 500 acres of land from John Wiswall, who held land under an incomplete grant of the government of the late Province of Massachusetts Bay, and which has been since granted under authority of the Commonwealth and other persons. Therefore resolved that Mr. Nason, Mr. Fox, and Mr. Noyes be a committee to ascertain the value of the said tract of land, and that the petitioner be permitted to lay aid, so much of the unappropriated lands within the Commonwealth, as the said committee shall judge to be a reasonable compensation for the damage he has sustained (this the committee fixed at 200 pounds)."

The following concerns the two tracts granted to Timothy Cutler. The first tract mentioned was located in the town of Hiram.

"One of which tract to contain 2200 acres and is bounded as follows: Beginning at Saco River on the south side thereof at the intersecting of the southeast of Brownfield Line where it crosses said river, and runs by said line South sixty-two degrees west, five hundred and sixty rods; thence South forty degrees east, eight hundred and four rods; thence Northeast by east four hundred and six rods to Saco River; thence up said river as the same doth run till

it terminates at the same bounds — also the other tract being on the Southwest side of Brownfield, and containing three thousand and eight hundred acres, and is bounded as follows: Beginning at a pitch pine marked on four sides "T. C.", standing on the Southwest side line of Brownfield by the edge of a small river called Sheppards River, and so runs from thence adjoining said Brownfield South twenty-eight degrees east two miles; thence south sixty-two degrees west, nine hundred and fifty rods; thence North 28 degrees west, 2 miles; thence North sixty-two degrees east, nine hundred and fifty rods to first bounds, which two tracts of land last mentioned to be laid out to said Timothy Cutler, and to be considered as full compensation for the tract land first mentioned, containing 500 acres together with the damages mentioned in said resolve.

Sanford, Dec. 11th 1788.

To the committee for the sale of Eastern Lands.

Sam Nason

John Fox

Joseph Noyes

Committee for viewing the land.

Wherewith we the said committee have hereunto set our hands and seals this Twenty-seventh day of January, *anno Domini*, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine. Signed and sealed and delivered in presence of Nath. Wells, Leo Jarvis, John Read, Daniel Cony.

Sam Cooper, *Justice of the Peace.*"

In November, 1789, Jeremiah Hill of Biddeford, Me., sent Samuel Titcomb to survey the territory (Porterfield) that he and eight others were determined to purchase from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In 1791, four men from Rochester, N. H., moved into the community and became temporary settlers — they were: David Allord, Job Allord, Joseph Clark and Moses Drown. They stayed but a few years.

On May 22, 1792, a young man from Hampton, N. H., called at the home of Meshach Libby — his name was David Moulton. In short, he came, he saw, he conquered — he bought the Libby Homestead. The price? "Sixty pounds, lawful money." David departed, but returned on April 27, 1793, to take possession of his property. Having sold his own place, Meshach bought that of his brother,



Stephen, and made it his permanent home. Stephen, after his having disposed of his farm, bought several tracts of land adjacent to his original lot, and established himself on the northern slope of Libby Hill where he and his family resided for many years.

Another business deal — overshadowing the previously mentioned "Cutler Grant," now comes to the forefront in our narrative. This particular purchase was referred to in foregoing paragraph, but at this time requires further study. The document is, however, somewhat lengthy, hence space is not available here to give it verbatim. (See Moulton's "History of Porter" for a complete copy). The salient points are as follows:

"Know all men by these presents that we whose names are undersigned and seals affixed, appointed by the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, a committee with full power to sell and convey the unappropriated lands of the said Commonwealth lying within the counties of York, Cumberland, and Lincoln, for and in consideration of the sum of five hundred and sixty-four pounds, lawful money, paid to us for the use of the said Commonwealth, by Jeremiah Hill, of Biddeford, in the county of York, Esq., and his associates hereafter named, pursuant to the contract made with them some years since, the receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge, have given, granted, bargained, sold, and conveyed, and by these presents do, in behalf of the said Commonwealth, give grant, bargain, sell, and convey to the said Jeremiah Hill and his associates, viz.: Aaron Porter, of said Biddeford, physician, Thomas Cutts and Nathaniel Scammon, both of Pepperrelboro', in said county of York, esquires, Seth Storer, of said Pepperrelboro', merchant, and James Coffin, of said Pepperrelboro', yeoman, Caleb Emery, of Sanford, in said county of York, esquire, William Emery, of said Sanford, and Nathaniel Merrill, of Fryeburg, in said county of York, yeoman, a township, being a tract of land lying in the county of York aforesaid, now called 'Porterfield,' (so-called for the above-named Dr. Porter); bounded as follows, viz.: beginning at a pitch pine tree, standing on the line of New Hampshire and on the north side of said Ossipee river, thence running on said line north eight degrees east, nine miles one hundred and twenty rods to a beech tree standing at the west corner of Brownfield, thence bounded

by said Brownfield, north seventy-eight degrees east, five hundred and fifty-two rods to a pitch pine tree, thence south twenty-eight degrees east, seven hundred and sixty rods to a hemlock tree standing near the south-west side of a small stream called Shepard's river, being the northerly corner of Timothy Cutler's land, thence bounded by said Cutler's land, south sixty-two degrees west, nine hundred and fifty rods, thence south twenty-eight degrees east, two miles, thence north sixty-two degrees east, nine hundred and fifty rods to said Brownfield line, thence running on said Brownfield line south twenty-eight degrees east, seventy rods to a pitch pine tree, thence south eighteen degrees west, nine hundred and eighty rods to a poplar tree, thence south seven degrees east, seven hundred rods to a maple tree standing by the north side of said Ossipee river until it intersects first mentioned bounds.

To have and to hold the afore-granted premises to the said Jeremiah and his associates as tenants in common, in the following proportions, viz.: to the said Jeremiah Hill two fifteenth parts, to the said Aaron Porter six fifteenth parts, to the said Thomas Cutts one fifteenth part, to the said Nathaniel Scammon one fifteenth part, to the said Seth Storer one fifteenth part, to the said Caleb Emery one fifteenth part, to the said William Emery one fifteenth part, to the said Nathaniel Merrill one fifteenth part. To them and their several heirs and assigns respectively, in the proportions aforesaid.

In testimony whereof the said committee have hereunto set their hands and seals this twenty-fourth day of September, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three.

Signed, sealed, and delivered,

NATH'L WELLS, (L. S.)

in presence of us,

LEO JARVIS, (L. S.)

Timothy Newell,

JOHN READ, (L. S.)

Thomas Walcut.

SUFFOLK, ss., BOSTON, Sept. 25, 1793.

Personally appeared Nath'l Wells, Leo. Jarvis, and John Read, esquires, and acknowledged this instrument to be their act and deed.

Before me, SAMUEL COOPER, *Justice of the Peace.*

A true copy, examined and compared. Recorded March 27, 1799, Lib. 64, fol's, 60, 65."



Porterfield was resurveyed by John Wingate in 1793, shortly after the deed to the proprietors of this property had been signed. A plan of this survey was then made; each lot being marked on the plan with the name of its owner. Three copies of this plan were made at that time — the plan was similar to the one of Parsonsfield made by the surveyor, Joseph Cram, for Thomas Parsons, in November 1771. The Porterfield plan (or its copies) probably does not exist today. A plan of John Wingate's survey of the Plantation of Porterfield has recently (Sept. 1956) come to the attention of the writer. A true copy of this plan is now available at the home of the Parsonsfield-Porter Historical Society. The plantation of Porterfield, as incorporated in 1802, included "Cutler's Grant" of 3,800 acres, making the total area of Porterfield, about 22,400 acres.

The nine proprietors of the plantation of Porterfield were prominent men in their respective towns — all were interested in lumbering — all recognized the plantation as a source of revenue; and apparently "inexhaustible" source of merchantable timber! Col. Thomas Cutts, one of the proprietors, was undoubtedly the greatest lumber merchant of his time and generation — for decades, pine timber from the virgin forests of Porterfield (called Porter after 1807) was floated down the Great Ossipee and the Saco to Cutts' shipyards at tidewater below the lower falls of the Saco!

*NOTE* — The name "Pepperrelboro" (originally spelled "Pepperrelborough") is that of the present city of Saco. It got the name "Pepperrelboro" in 1762; changed to "Saco" in 1805.

Several others of the above-mentioned associates deserve special mention now, inasmuch as their names and meritorious deeds occasionally appear in the annals of Porter in the early half of the nineteenth century. First, Dr. Aaron Porter of Biddeford. He owned the largest number of shares in the "corporation," besides enjoying the distinction of his having, first the plantation, then the township, named in his honor. Nathaniel Merrill of Fryeburg comes next. His first appearance in Maine history starts with the year, 1762, when he, and two other men — John Stevens and "Limbo," drove 105 head of cattle and eleven horses from Gorham, Maine, to the luxuriant meadows of the Pequawket country. He was therefore one of the first settlers of the town of Fryeburg. Furthermore, he was



chosen moderator at the first plantation meeting in Porter Village, held on July 12, 1802, at the home of Wm. Broad. The other noteworthy person is Caleb Emery of Sanford. He built the first grist-mill in Porter — at the outlet of Colcord Pond, in 1793. The nearest grist-mill before that time was at Effingham Falls, N. H.

## II

### FIRST SETTLERS

It appears logical to the present writer that this is the pertinent time and place to present a few family pedigrees respecting the most prominent persons who became settlers in Porterfield prior to its organization, as a town, in 1807. It is to be hoped that some future historian or genealogist will restore and record the missing branches of these genealogical trees.

1782

John Libby (b. ? d. 1804); married

Mrs. John Libby (b. ? d. 1804) Her Christian name unknown.

Children: Meshach, Enoch, John, Jr., Simeon, Jonathan, Stephen, Kezia, Mary.

Remarks: The few available facts concerning Meshach, Simeon and Stephen will be given in subsequent sketches. There is no record of Enoch. About John, Jr., Thomas Moulton writes: "He had so retentive a memory that, having heard a lengthy sermon, he could repeat the whole of it, imitating very accurately both the tones and gestures of the speaker (aside from memory he was not endowed with superior mental powers)." Jonathan was not a permanent settler. Kezia married a Sargent. Mary married Daniel Knowles.

1781

Meshach Libby (b. 1750. d. March, 1829): married

Deborah Ely (b. ? d. ?); his first wife.

Children: Sarah (b. 1771. d. ?); married, June, 1793, to Gideon Mason. Mary (b. ? d. ?); married William Hill. Meshach, Jr.

(b. ? d. ?); Elsy (b. ? d. ?); married Edward Hill. Elizabeth (b. 1782. died in childhood). Eunice (b. ? d. ?); married Jacob Hurd. Remarks: Meshach Libby was the first settler. His son Meshach, Jr., came to Porterfield in 1793, but not as a permanent settler. Meshach's second wife was Hannah Cram — no record. Only Elizabeth and Eunice were born in Porterfield.

## 1782

Stephen Libby (b. April 26, 1763. d. Oct. 25, 1855); married Mary Knowles (b. March 1, 1768. d. Oct., 1816). First wife. Children: James (b. June 5, 1784. d. ?); married Phebe Benson, July 17, 1808. Daniel (b. Apr. 3, 1786. d. 1818); married Mary Rundlett. Josiah (b. March 23, 1788. d. June 8, 1788). Mary (b. July 30, 1789. d. ?); married Josiah Weeks, Jan. 27, 1811. Jemima (b. Aug. 22, 1791. d. May 12, 1879); married Joshua Weeks, Oct. 21, 1810. Stephen, Jr. (b. May 21, 1793. d. Dec. 4, 1868); married Dorothy Blake, Jan. 23, 1814. Sally (b. Jan. 20, 1795. d. 1873); married Jordan Stacy, Dec. 4, 1817. John (b. Feb. 20, 1797. d. Jan. 21, 1878); married Nancy Libby, Nov. 17, 1816. David (b. Jan. 16, 1799. d. ?); married Betsy Towle. Aphia (b. Dec. 6, 1800. d. ?); married Ralph King, Nov. 16, 1820. Olive (b. July 5, 1802. d. ?); married Wm. Hodsdon, May 14, 1824.

Nancy Mathews (b. Dec. 13, 1788. d. Jan. 9, 1818). Second wife. Married Jan. 9, 1817. One child, Lydia (b. Dec. 23, 1817. d. ?); married William Perry, Oct. 17, 1847.

Sally Mathews (b. May 13, 1793. d. Dec. 16, 1866). Third wife. Married March 17, 1818. Children: One son who died in infancy. Daniel (b. March 19, 1821. d. ?); married Almira Howard, Oct. 29, 1854. Albion (b. June 9, 1823. d. ?); married Harriet Bragg. Nancy (b. April 28, 1825. d. ?); married Ezekiel Jenness, Aug. 9, 1851. William T. (b. Dec. 23, 1827. d. ?); married Susan Marston. Thomas (b. Dec. 23, 1827. d. March 23, 1828). A twin brother of William T. Gideon (b. June 19, 1830. d. ?); married Catharine McMann.

## 1792

David Moulton (b. June 18, 1760, d. Oct. 18, 1838); married



Dorothy Moulton (b. June 22, 1770, d. Jan. 19, 1853), Feb. 16, 1794. Children: John (b. Dec. 7, 1794, d. March 4, 1876); married Jane Coffin (b. Oct. 31, 1800, d. ?). Joseph (b. July 23, 1797, d. ?); married Abigail G. Beal. Sarah (b. Dec. 18, 1799, d. ?). David, Jr. (b. Aug. 23, 1802, d. June 13, 1867); married Phebe Wentworth. Mary (b. Jan. 28, 1805, d. Dec. 16, 1836); married Moses Swett, Jan. 18, 1829. Thomas (b. Aug. 15, 1810, d. Oct. 31, 1888).

Remarks: David Moulton was born in Hampton, N. H., and served in the American Revolution, enlisting in 1778. His wife, Dorothy, was born at Portsmouth, N. H. Their oldest son, John, served in the War of 1812. Thomas took an active part in many state activities — from town clerk (1858), Representative in the State Legislature (1857), to State Senator (1859-60). Consult, "Col. John Moulton's Papers," and, "Hon. Thomas Moulton's Papers," at the Parsonsfield-Porter Historical Society.

## 1793

Daniel Knowles (b. 1740, d. ?); married

Mary Blake, his 1st wife.

Children: Mary (b. March 1, 1768, d. ?); married Stephen Libby. Hannah (b. ? d. ?); married Simeon Libby. Jemima (b. ? d. ?); married Elijah Fox. Isaac (b. ? d. ?). Sally (b. ? d. ?); married - - - Watson. Experience (b. ? d. ?); married Josiah Kezar. Rachel (b. ? d. ?); married Jonathan Hodsdon.

Mrs. Pottle (no record). Second wife.

Mary Libby (b. ? d. ?). Third wife.

Children: Comfort (no record), Olive (no record), Tryphene (no record).

Remarks: Daniel Knowles and his family came from Pittsfield, N. H. He was the first treasurer of the plantation (1802). Experience's husband, Josiah Kezar, was a son of the hunter, George Kezar of Parsonsfield. Daniel Knowles' second wife, Mrs. Pottle, died about a year after her marriage. He and his son Isaac moved to the state of New York in 1817.

1793

Joseph Pearl (b. ? d. 1813); married

Catharine Clark (b. ? d. May 4, 1837).

Children: Polly (b. ? d. ?); married Wm. Moulton. Simeon (b. ? d. ?). Betsey (b. ? d. ?); married Ichabod Bickford. Benjamin (b. ? d. June 1, 1830). Sally (b. ? d. ?); married Jonathan Quint. Diamond (b. ? d. ?); married Jane Cook, Oct. 6, 1814. Anna (b. ? d. ?); married James Stanley. John (b. ? d. ?). Joseph, Jr. (b. ? d. ?); married Eliza Cook April 20, 1820. James (b. Feb. 26, 1804, d. ?); married Hannah Garland, Sept. 25, 1825.

Remark: Both came from Rochester, N. H.

1793

Joseph Pottle, David Pottle, Thomas Randall, Samuel Richards, Samuel Richards, 2d, John Thompson, John Hayes and David Hodsdon became settlers in 1793.

Remarks: Joseph Pottle was the first captain of the plantation company. Thomas Randall, father of the "Eaton Poet," Joseph Pottle, Samuel Richards, 2d and John Hayes were not permanent settlers.

1794

Edward Fox, Elijah Fox, Hanson Libby, Tobias Libby, John Libby, Jr., Jonathan Libby and Meshach Libby, Jr., came to Porterfield in 1794.

Remarks: Elijah Fox, Jonathan Libby — the brother of Meshach and Stephen Libby, and Meshach Libby, Jr. — the only son of the first settler, Stephen Libby, did not remain here permanently. Eleven members of the Fox families served in American wars.

1794

Simeon Libby (b. ? d. ?); married

Hannah Knowles (b. ? d. ?).

Children: John (b. ? d. ?), Samuel (b. ? d. ?), Hannah (b. ? d. ?); married Levi Libby of Ontario, N. Y., March 13, 1814. Isaac (b. ? d. ?). Josiah (b. ? d. ?). Simeon, Jr. (no record).

Job (b. ? d. ?); married Ruth Fox, June 27, 1822. Daniel (b. ? d. ?). Abram (b. ? d. ?). Lemuel Rich (b. ? d. ?). Mary (b. 1800, d. ?); married Aaron Houghtaling. Julia Ann (b. ? d. ?). Jesse W. D. (b. ? d. ?).

Remarks: Simeon Libby was Meshach Libby's brother. He moved to the state of New York in 1817. Hanson Libby and Tobias Libby, mentioned previously, were Isaac Libby's sons.

## 1794

Gideon Mason (b. June 22, 1772, d. ?); married

Sarah Libby (b. 1771, d. ?), June, 1793.

Children: Isaac (b. Sept. 4, 1794, d. Jan. 15, 1867). Meshach (b. April 6, 1797, d. ?). Betsey (b. March 25, 1799, d. May 5, 1835). Jonathan (b. Feb. 22, 1802, d. ?). Simon (b. June 13, 1806, d. ?). Susan (b. Dec. 13, 1808, d. 1896); married Abraham Chapman.

Remarks: Both Gideon and Sarah were born in Pittsfield, N. H. Sarah was the daughter of Meshach Libby, the first settler in Porter. Isaac, their first child, was born in Porter. Betsey died unmarried. Jonathan died in Lovell, Maine.

## 1794

Henry Floyd (b. ? d. Sept. 20, 1827); married

Betsey Bickford (b. Feb. 27, 1775, d. ?).

Children: Michael (b. in Rochester, N. H., Oct. 4, 1794, d. ?). Sally (b. Jan. 2, 1796, d. ?); married Andrew Varney. Lovina (b. Feb. 17, 1798, d. ?). William (b. Dec. 13, 1803, d. ?). Henry, Jr. (b. July 13, 1805, d. ?). Lovell (b. Aug. 31, 1807, d. ?). Betsey (b. May 2, 1809, d. ?). Jacob (b. Nov. 2, 1812, d. ?). Ira (b. Oct. 12, 1815, d. ?).

## 1795

John Mason (b. Aug. 21, 1774, d. Oct. 12, 1861); married

Tryphene Allord (b. Aug. 25, 1775, d. May 1, 1852), Aug. 7, 1793.

Children: Jacob (b. Jan. 1, 1794, d. Oct. 26, 1813). Sally (b. July 8, 1795, in Porter, d. Feb. 7, 1877); married David Colcord, Nov.



15, 1821. Abraham (b. Oct. 25, 1797, d. ?). John, Jr. (b. Dec. 19, 1799, d. March 20, 1879). Henry (b. Feb. 12, 1802, d. ?); married Abigail Libby, May 20, 1824. Lydia (b. Oct. 30, 1804, d. ?); married Rufus Brooks. Mary (b. Oct. 8, 1806, d. Feb. 10, 1851); married Ralph McCartee, April 21, 1825. Thomas (b. Jan. 30, 1809, d. Nov. 16, 1865). Tryphene (b. April 23, 1812, d. ?); married E. C. Pillsbury. Joseph (b. July 3, 1814, d. ?). Abigail (b. April 14, 1816, d. ?); married John Lord.

Remarks: Both came from Pittsfield, N. H. John was the brother of Gideon Mason. John's wife, Tryphene, was the daughter of David Allord, mentioned earlier. Their son, Jacob, who served in the War of 1812, was the only one of the 28 men from Porter who failed to return.

## 1796

William French (b. Sept. 15, 1776, d. ?); married

Kezia Libby (b. March 28, 1776, d. ?), March 11, 1797.

Children: James (b. Sept. 24, 1798, d. ?). William, Jr. (b. Dec. 3, 1801, d. ?). Isaac (b. April 26, 1803, d. June 17, 1827). Ruth (b. Dec. 10, 1806, d. ?); married Joseph G. Towle, Dec. 12, 1824. John Moulton (b. May 21, 1813, d. March 11, 1818).

Remarks: William French came from Farmington, N. H. His wife, Kezia, was the daughter of Isaac Libby.

## 1796

Samuel Brooks (b. March 19, 1761, d. April, 1825). He enlisted in the American Revolution, March 14, 1777. He also served in the War of 1812.

Hezekial Bickford (b. ? d. ?) was the second captain of the military company first organized in the plantation.

Jonathan Cook (b. ? d. ?), Abraham Cook (b. ? d. ?) and Nathaniel Cook (b. ? d. ?) came to the plantation in 1796.

## 1796

The first bridge across the Great Ossipee at Porter Village was constructed between 1796 and 1800. This type of bridge was known as the "pier" bridge; that is, the roadway was built upon

piles extending across the stream — easily swept away by an ice-choked, swollen stream; a misfortune that happened to this bridge a few years after its construction. Another “pier” bridge replaced the first one in 1808, withstanding many a spring freshet during its sixty-eight years of existence. The present covered bridge took its place in 1876, at a cost to the town, \$1,717.24!

The covered bridge was a purely American type of architecture created by Paul Paddelford of Littleton, N. H., shortly before 1844.

## 1796

John French (b. Sept. 26, 1775, d. Aug. 21, 1836); married

Sally Trefren (b. Sept. 14, 1774, d. March 12, 1856).

Children: Benjamin (b. in Farmington, N. H., Feb. 7, 1796, d. ?).

Jacob (b. in Porter, March 1, 1798, d. Feb. 16, 1878). Sally (b. March 23, 1800, d. ?); married Nehemiah F. Towle, Feb. 25, 1821).

Aaron (b. April 7, 1802, d. ?). Mary (b. Aug. 5, 1804, d. Feb. 21, 1838); unmarried. John, Jr. (b. Dec. 6, 1806, d. ?); married Be-

linda Trefren, July 25, 1830. Kezia (b. May 25, 1809, d. ?); married Alexander Berry, June 12, 1831. Lucy (b. Aug. 13, 1811, d. Jan. 7, 1878); married Jesse Bickford, Nov. 4, 1849.

## 1797

Charles Nutter (b. in Portsmouth, N. H., Dec. 27, 1783, d. May 1, 1845); married

Mrs. Olive Durgin (b. Jan. 9, 1778, d. Aug. 24, 1846).

Children: Almira (b. Feb. 15, 1808, d. ?); married James Perry.

Charles, Jr. (b. Aug. 28, 1810, d. Sept. 14, 1874); married Dorothy Moulton, Oct. 17, 1833. Cordelia (b. Oct. 28, 1812, d. ?); mar-

ried Richard Cosins. Eben. T. (b. March 12, 1815, d. ?). Sarah Ann (b. Jan. 20, 1818, d. ?); married Alvan Pride, March 23, 1843.

Henry (b. Jan. 17, 1821, d. ?).

Remark: Charles Nutter's wife was the daughter of Ebenezer Taylor.

## 1797

The death of the great hunter, George Kezar, took place about the year, 1797, at his home in Parsonsfield — his home stood in





The old time Kezar Falls covered bridge around 1882. The suspension bridge from center of this bridge to Garner Island is shown. The bank block had not been built. Other buildings *from right to left, in order*, are; the W. H. Newbegin store and cigar manufactory ("Deacon Cigars"); the Jeremiah Bullock home (since burned); the G. Randall store, burned around 1894; the Sutton Edgecomb store (now the Hamilton Hardware); the Stephen Fox store (now the Post Office and Kelly's Market and Howe's Plumbing establishment (the latter including the barn, seen at rear of white building here). The then grist mill and bobbin factory appear over center of bridge, and close at right at Newbegin's store is seen what later became Ham's Apothecary Shop, after being moved to a site beside the hardware store.

the intervale where Great Brook flows into Great Ossipee. His passing to the Great Beyond left a vacant room in many a human heart! He had acquired many friends amongst his countrymen in Parsonsfield and Porterfield. The time of his coming to Parsonsfield has never been definitely established. Some say, 1772—Thomas Moulton puts it at about 1766; the latter date, most likely. We do know that when he settled in Parsonsfield he had a wife and three children—he left numerous descendants. Mr. William R. French (1879-1953), a warden in the Maine Inland Fish and Game Department for sixteen years, informed the present writer, that while stationed in Lovell, Maine, he had come upon several of George Kezar's camp-sites in the Pequawket country—north of Fryeburg.

What do we know about George Kezar's ancestry? Very little, indeed! The name "Kezar" is of German origin — he was born in the valley of the Merrimack. Any relation to J. G. Whittier's "Cobbler Keezar?"

## 1799

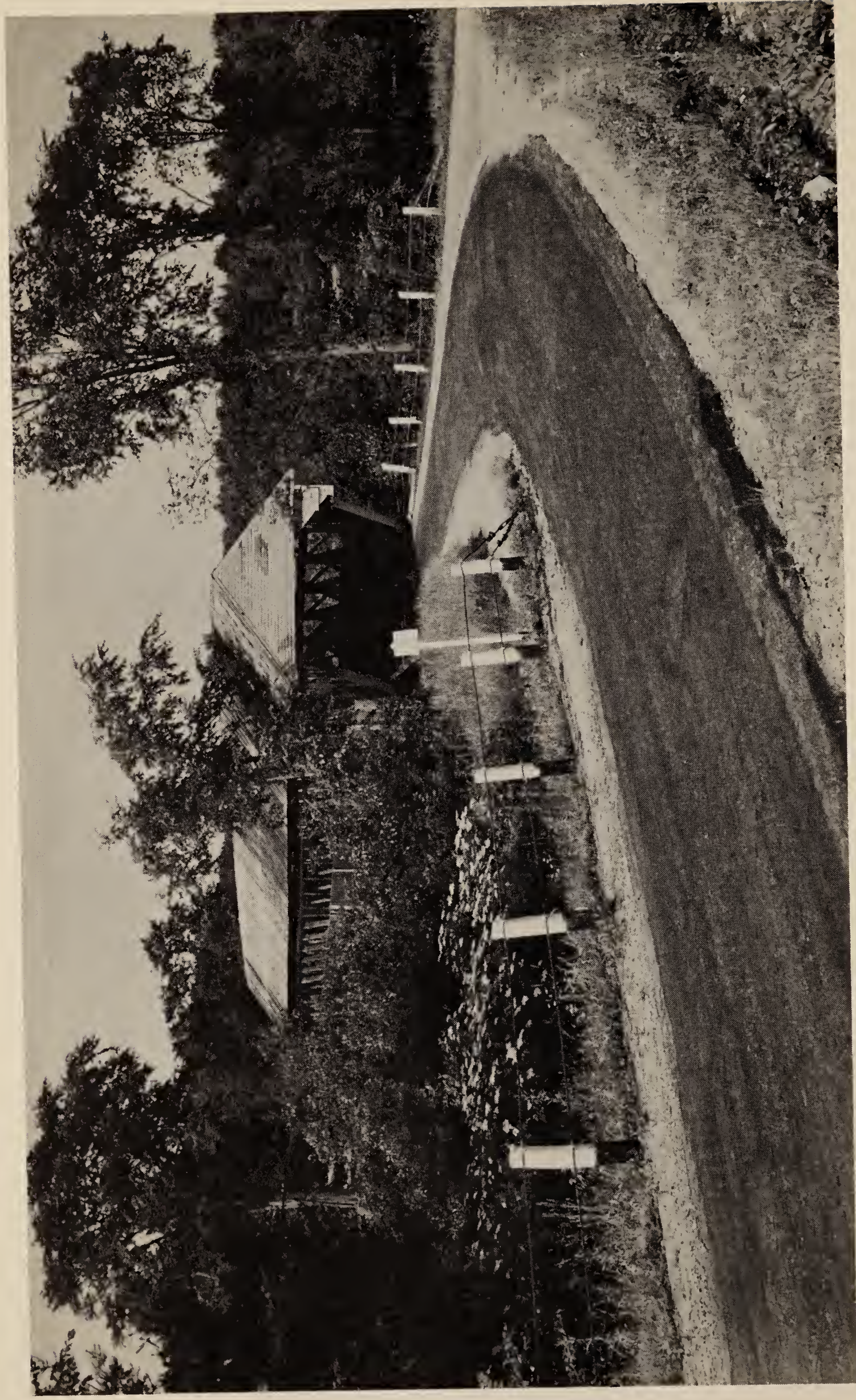
Two saw-mills were built in the plantation about the year, 1799. One was located in the village, on Mill Brook, the other, also on the same stream, was situated about a mile below Bickford Pond — on the plantation map, this body of water was called "Deer Pond," and several years later, the name was changed to Stanley or Roberts Pond. The present name, however, dates back to the middle of the past century. Almost every building erected subsequently to 1799 were frame houses as they were more easily and quickly built than the log structures. The log cabins were, however, more durable, besides being warmer in winter and cooler in summer.

## 1800

Joseph Towle (b. Feb. 18, 1747, d. April 1, 1820); married Elizabeth Coffin (b. March 7, 1753, d. Feb. 17, 1829), Oct. 2, 1769.

Children: Amos (b. Oct. 1, 1770, d. ?). Joseph, Jr. (b. Sept. 3, 1772, d. Dec. 27, 1848). William (b. July 18, 1774, d. April 25,





Porter Bridge. First built as a simple "pier bridge," 1798-1800; rebuilt in 1808, and for the last time, 1876.



1841). Ezra (b. Feb. 14, 1776, d. June 4, 1802). Nancy (b. April 24, 1778, d. Dec., 1801); married Eben. Blazo. Daniel (b. Jan. 24, 1780, d. March 25, 1875). Elizabeth (b. Aug. 27, 1783, d. ?); married James Garland. Sarah (b. March 26, 1785, d. April 10, 1866); married Samuel Taylor. David (b. Dec. 27, 1787, d. Aug. 7, 1860). Simon (b. May 16, 1794, d. Oct. 4, 1814).

## 1801

John Fox (b. May 26, 1760, d. April 17, 1834); married

Deborah Gilman (b. Nov. 13, 1760, d. July 26, 1810), first wife. Children: Nathaniel (b. Nov. 30, 1786, d. Feb. 6, 1853). Deborah G. (b. Oct. 4, 1788, d. ?); married Thomas Howard. Sarah (b. May 25, 1791, d. ?); married Isaac Bickford. Mary G. (b. Sept. 2, 1793, d. Sept. 4, 1865); married John Libby, Aug. 6, 1815. Anna (b. Dec. 7, 1795, d. July 17, 1865); married Jonathan Peare. John, Jr. (b. Dec. 7, 1795, d. May 6, 1852); married Clarinda Stanley, April 22, 1830. Lydia (b. March 5, 1798, d. Oct. 21, 1825). Charlotte (b. Nov. 29, 1800, d. ?); married Ezra Bickford. Ruth P. (b. Aug. 9, 1803, d. ?); married Job Libby, June 27, 1822.

Susan Mills (b. ? d. ?), second wife.

Children: Andrew G. (b. Jan. 20, 1813, d. ?); married Ruth G. Stacy, Dec. 5, 1839. William (b. ? d. ?). Edward (b. ? d. ?). Susan (b. ? d. ?). James (b. ? d. ?).

Remarks: John Fox was born in Gilmanton, N. H., and served in the American Revolution. His brother, Edward, served in the War of 1812. Edward's son, Ephraim, also saw service in this war. Ephraim's son, Edward, took an active part in the Mexican War; his other sons, David M. and Daniel, Jr., fought in the Civil War. Ephraim's brother, Richard, had five sons; George Henry, James L., Jonathan, 2d, Lorenzo D., and William W., all served in the Civil War.

## 1802

Jacob French, Josiah Bridges, Josiah Bridges, Jr., William Floyd, Francis Mathews (vet. War of 1812); and Jonathan Blazo came to Porterfield in 1802.



## 1803

Samuel Taylor (b. in Hampton, N. H., March 27, 1781, d. Aug. 31, 1846); married

Sarah Towle, Aug. 22, 1803.

Children: William T. (b. April 24, 1810, d. 1833). Samuel, Jr. (b. March 23, 1812, d. March 9, 1855). Simon (b. April 16, 1815, d. Feb. 16, 1853). Eliza Ann (b. July 22, 1820, d. Sept. 17, 1842). Daniel (b. March 4, 1823, d. 1905). Josephine (b. June 16, 1825, d. ?); married John Sutton, Jr., April 28, 1844. David (b. March 17, 1829, d. Oct. 23, 1868). Amos (b. March 17, 1829, d. ?).

Remarks: Samuel Taylor's wife, Sarah, was born in Epsom, N. H. David and Amos were twins.

## 1804

John Stacy (b. in Berwick, Me., Feb. 20, 1763, d. May 18, 1837); married Ruth Gould.

Children: Oliver (b. Sept. 30, 1792, d. 1880); married Abigail Fox, Dec. 1, 1814. Salome (b. Sept. 1793, d. 1877); married Jonathan Fox, Aug. 7, 1812. Jordan (b. March 5, 1796, d. 1878); married Sally Libby, Dec. 4, 1817. Hannah (b. 1799, d. ?); married John Mason. George (b. Nov. 9, 1804, d. April 3, 1876. Ruth (no record).

## 1805

Samuel Hodsdon, William Stanley, Richard Young, Job Bailey came to the plantation in 1805, but only Samuel Hodsdon became a permanent settler.

## 1806

John Bailey, Ebenezer Taylor, Henry Tibbetts, Elisha Stanley settled in 1806.

## 1806

Joseph Stanley (b. ? d. Sept. 18, 1843); married four times

Betsey Parsons (b. ? d. ?), first wife.

Children: Charles (no record); Samuel (no record); Olive (b. ?

d. ?); married Samuel Hooper.

Eunice Stone (b. ? d. ?), second wife.

Children: Betsey (b. Dec. 28, 1802, d. ?); married Caleb Thompson. James (b. March 2, 1804, d. ?). Joseph, Jr. (b. Dec. 21, 1806, d. 1869). John (b. May 13, 1808, d. ?). Eunice (b. April 4, 1810, d. May 7, 1854); married William Ridlon.

Sally Palmer (no record), third wife.

Mary Nason, fourth wife.

Children: Mary (b. July 24, 1824, d. ?); married Charles Hadley. Benjamin (b. Sept. 11, 1827, d. ?).

#### 1806

James Coffin (b. ? in Biddeford, Me., d. March 11, 1823); married

Jane McMillan (b. ? in Conway, N. H., d. May 27, 1859).

Children: James (b. in Biddeford, Jan. 24, 1799, d. July 8, 1833). Jane (b. Oct. 31, 1800, d. ?); married John Moulton. Hannah (b. Sept. 12, 1802, d. ?); married James W. Thompson, Oct. 20, 1830. Martha (b. April 18, 1804, d. ?); married William Rice. Andrew McMillan (b. Feb. 7, 1806, d. ?). Catharine (b. in Porter, Dec. 21, 1807, d. ?); married Stephen Berry. Shuah T. (b. April 11, 1810, d. ?); married James Norris. Edmund (b. July 11, 1812, d. ?). Sophia Ann (b. Sept. 25, 1815, d. ?); married Addison Prentiss.

Remark: James Coffin was the first Justice of the Peace in the plantation.

#### 1806

William Towle (b. in Epsom, N. H., July 18, 1774, d. April 25, 1841); married

Mercy Garland (b. ? d. ?).

Children: Hannah (b. Dec. 18, 1797, d. ?); married James Coolbroth, April 8, 1812. William, Jr. (b. Oct. 3, 1801, d. ?). Joseph G. (b. March 22, 1806, d. Dec. 28, 1875); married Ruth French, Dec. 12, 1824. Mercy (b. May 8, 1809, d. ?); married Benjamin Larrabee, June 12, 1827. Nancy (b. Aug. 8, 1812, d. ?); married Nathaniel Bedell, Dec. 2, 1830. Maria (b. April 7, 1819, d. ?);



married John Kezar, Aug. 29, 1835.

1807

Jessy Colcord (b. in Newmarket, N. H., Feb. 9, 1769, d. April 3, 1835); married twice

Elizabeth Nason, first wife.

Child: John N. (b. in Sanford, Me., April 18, 1793, d. May 25, 1852).

Betsey Emery (b. Oct. 21, 1771, d. Dec. 6, 1829); second wife, married April 6, 1794.

Children: Elizabeth (b. Nov. 30, 1794, d. April 19, 1795). David (b. April 28, 1796, d. June 9, 1867); married Sally Mason. Mary H. (b. April 27, 1798, d. Aug. 28, 1876); married John Pearl. Betsey (b. July 13, 1800, d. Dec. 8, 1800). Rhoda (b. March 16, 1802, d. April 27, 1802). Jesse, Jr. (b. April 8, 1803, d. Nov. 25, 1825). Phineas (b. Feb. 8, 1806, d. Aug. 21, 1846). Susan N. (b. in Porter, Dec. 4, 1808, d. July 18, 1832). Isabella (b. June 5, 1811, d. ?); married Stephen Brooks. Caleb E. (b. March 4, 1814, d. Aug. 20, 1853). Charlotte S. (b. Feb. 18, 1817, d. June 30, 1846); married Peter H. Hatch.

Remark: The Colcords came to the plantation of Porterfield shortly after it had been transformed into the township of Porter.

### III

## A TOWN IS BORN

The record of this event reads: "An act to incorporate a part of Porterfield into a town by the name of Porter, passed both branches of the Legislature of Massachusetts, and was duly signed by Governor Caleb Strong on the twentieth day of February, 1807."

In New England, a "township" is known as a "town," where it exists in its primitive form except as modified and partly subordinated by the later-formed units, the county and state. The idea of having Porterfield incorporated as a town had been discussed at a meeting held on Aug. 5, 1805, but, as we already know, the plan did not materialize until almost two years later. The population of Porter now stood at about 280 souls. The last annual plantation meeting was held on April 7, 1806; the first town meeting under the act of incorporation was held on March 20, 1807. At this meeting, held at the home of James Coffin — James Coffin chosen moderator, the following men were chosen town officers: Hanson Libby, clerk; David Moulton, James Moulton and Hezekiah Bickford, selectmen and assessors; John Stacy, treasurer; William French, constable and collector.

The original "Warrant for the first Town Meeting" reads as follows:

"Oxford of Commonwealth of Massachusetts. To David Moulton, one of the principle inhabitants of the town of Porter: You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Porter qualified to vote in town affairs as the law directs to meet at the Dwellinghouse of Mr. James Coffin in said Porter on Friday the twentieth day of this instant March at ten o'clock



before noon of said day to act and vote on the following artickles:

1st to choose a moderator to govern said meeting.

2d to choose all such officers as towns are by law required.

In the months of March and April annually. Given under my hand and seal, sixth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seven, and you are to make return of this warrant and your doings thereon to me within sixty days."

(Sig.) NATH'L MERRILL, Justice of Peace.

Agreeable to the above warrant to me directed, I do hereby notify & warn the freeholders and other inhabitants qualified to vote in town meetings. Given under my hand, Porter, March 6th, 1807.

HANSON LIBBY, Town Clerk.      DAVID MOULTON.

MARCH 20, 1807

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant met and provided as Follows:

1st Voted James Coffin Esq. for moderator of said meeting.

2d Do Hanson Libby, Clerk for the ensuing year.

3d Do David Moulton for first Selectman.

4th Do James Coffin 2d Do.

5th Do Hezekiah Bickford 3d Do.

6th Do John Stacy, Treasurer for the year ensuing.

7th Do Wm. French, Constable & Collector for the ensuing year.

8th Do John French, Surveyor of Roads for the 1st District.

9th Do John Mason 2d Do.

10th Do Wm. Stanley Do.

11th Do Hezik. Bickford for fence viewer (See footnote No. 1).

12th Do David Moulton, fence viewer.

13th Do Daniel Knowles, Tithingman (See footnote No. 2).

14th Do Sam'l Hodgdon Do.

15th Do David Hodsdon, hogreaf (See footnote No. 3).

16th Do John French Do.

17th Do James Coffin, Pound Keeper (See footnote No. 4).

18th Do Jon'n. Cook, field driver (See footnote No. 5).

19th Do Henry Tibbets Do.

20th Do Wm. Stanley, Surveyor of board, shingle, etc.

21st Do Henry Tibbets, Culler of staves, hoops, etc. (See footnote No. 6).

The above officers lawfully sworn.

HANSON LIBBY, Clerk”

FOOTNOTES:

1. Fence viewer. In New England, a town officer whose duty it is to inspect fences to determine whether they are sufficient in law.
2. Tithingman. In New England, a parish officer annually elected to preserve good order in the church during divine service and to make complaint of a disorderly conduct.
3. Hogleaf, hog reave, hog reever — spelling not uniform. In New England, an officer formerly holding authority over hogs — an overseer of hogs; a “hog-constable.” this office.
4. Pound keeper. One who has the care of a pound — a pound is an inclosure, erected by authority, in which cattle or other beasts are confined when taken in trespassing, or going at large in violation of law.
5. Field driver. In New England, an officer whose business it is to impound cattle wandering in the streets.
6. Culler. An inspector who selects merchantable hoops and staves for market.

Future town meetings were held at the James Coffin Place until Nov. 2, 1812, when the school house in the first district was used for that purpose till Nov. 1, 1824, when the north meeting house—now the Old Porter Meeting House, became the town house. We will have a great deal more to say about this historic structure later.

At the second annual town meeting, held in April, 1808, two hundred dollars were raised to defray town expenses, one hundred for the support of schools, and five hundred dollars in labor and materials for repair of highways. Labor was cheap in those days. Here's what the town officers asked to be paid for their year's service: The three selectmen, \$38.07; the clerk, \$1.50; the collector, \$9.20; the treasurer, \$2.00. Grand total, \$50.77. Compare this with the town's 1956 expenditure!



## IV

### GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

Any community is dependent upon transportation for its growth and development. Meshach Libby put this indisputable logic into practice when he blazed a path between his home and the Ossipee Trail. Furthermore, his next move was to widen and smooth this path so as to make it accessible to vehicles. This naturally called for the industrious application of both time and labor; attributes within reach of this strong, young man facing a boundless future in a free country!

A clause in the contract of the proprietors' deed to the plantation stipulated that a county road be built in the area concerned, and that within a reasonable period of time — this initial road construction began soon after the proprietors' deed had been signed (1793). The building and repair of roads became the leading problems of the day. At the April 4, 1802 meeting, it was voted to raise two hundred dollars "in labor for repairing roads." And at a meeting held on Aug. 23, 1802, the road, previously laid out, between the village and the northern limit of Meshach Libby's lot, was "accepted." This was the first "highway" built by taxation. At the meeting, just mentioned, another road construction was voted upon, namely; to repair the Ossipee Trail between the village and the Maine-New Hampshire state line. At a meeting held on Sept. 7, 1802, it was voted to extend the first-named road to the home of Stephen Libby—the name, "T. C. Libby," on the Porter map of 1875, designates the place. Furthermore, by consulting this map and the modern topographic map of Porter, one is impressed by the intricate network of highways and byways in the town.

Gates were kept across all roads until 1802, when an exception

was made to the county road; this to be kept free from gates or bars throughout the year.

Two great changes took place in 1805; both having an important bearing on the town of Porter. One concerned the New England currency: The change from pounds, shillings and pence, to dollars, cents and mills. The other change concerned the county of York: The General Court of Massachusetts divided York county into two districts in 1799; the Great Ossipee River acting as the natural boundary. The northern district got its own Probate Court and Registry of Deeds at Fryeburg. This arrangement existed until 1805, when the northern district was included in the newly formed county of Oxford.

The early settlers of Porter recognized the intrinsic value of an education. To them, education, in its broadest sense, meant more than the ability to read, write and cipher — it had moral and spiritual values as well, and in accordance with this concept, the fundamentals of an education had to be taught at home; the most sacred of all educational institutions! The first public school in this community was probably built soon after the incorporation of the plantation of Porterfield in 1802. This is evidenced by the fact that at a meeting held on April 4, 1803, it was voted to raise two hundred dollars for the support of schools. The plantation was divided into five school districts at a meeting held on June 13, 1803; three of which were within the present limits of Porter. The other two were in what is now the town of Brownfield. Sixty-six years later (1869) there were thirteen districts in the town of Porter.

The site of the first school house in town, according to a report furnished by a contributor to this history, was located where the R. E. McDonald (Hadlock) house now stands. This house was rudely constructed of logs with benches and seats hewn from logs. Goose quills were used for pens, and the ink was the juice of garget berries — the pokeweed (*Phytolacca americana*). School was maintained for only thirteen weeks out of the year. Ebenezer Blazo (1802-1892), who once taught school in this rustic log-cabin, informs us that at one time there was an attendance of over 90 pupils, and that on many occasions he had heard his grammar class recite by the light of pitch-wood torches held in different parts of the room!





The Norton Hill Schoolhouse in 1895. This is the old school that Levi L. Cook eulogized in his "Reminiscences of School Days."



Porterfield (Lord) Schoolhouse about 1900. The two cyclists, Frank Stearns and Arthur (or Burt) Smith just happened to be present.



Inasmuch as there is a dearth of school records between 1803 and 1854 — they were probably destroyed by accidental fires, we will drop this subject matter for the present, but return to it later. In the meantime, let's examine other relevant topics.

It is a noteworthy fact that there was no settlement in the eastern section of Porter prior to 1808. Kezar Falls was, of course, non-existent. The foundation to this village was not laid until a few years after Maine had become a state. We'll have much more to say about this place in a later chapter.

The utilization of water power again comes to our attention. As previously mentioned, two sawmills were in operation as early as 1799. Although Moulton's history tells us that the **first** gristmill in town was built in 1793, there's a strong reason for believing that at least one mill for grinding grain was in use before that date. About this matter, Levi L. Cook wrote in 1910: "I have information coming from reliable sources that the first corn ever ground in this town by water power was ground in a little mill located on the so-called Fox Brook; a few rods westerly of the present residence of Charles K. Garland."

The need of another sawmill in town became apparent in 1804, when Stephen Libby began building his mill on the brook about half a mile above the upper Spectacle Pond — John Weeks built a mill near this site many years later. Stephen's sawmill was completed in 1805, and for years did a thriving business. It must be remembered that Stephen Libby was an industrious person. He owned large tracts of timber; was the father of nineteen children — twelve boys and seven girls; he took an active part in the construction of the Old Porter Meeting House; reaching the ripe old age of ninety-two years!

According to all early accounts, Porter could boast of its marketable stands of timber; century-old red and white oak of excellent quality decked the hillsides; gigantic spruce and pine flourished in the rich alluvial soil of the lowlands. One notable report states that an American white pine, measuring six feet in diameter, three feet above ground, was cut down, in the early part of the past century, and left to decay on the ground where it fell. Evidently too big a tree to handle! Should you climb to the top of Libby Hill (el.





Colcord Lake (Colcord Pond) from Devil's Den Mountain. A slight glint from Bickford Pond appears beyond Colcord. The mountain climbers are Don and Madeline French.



Ruins, photographed around 1900, of one of Porter's first two sawmills. This one, built in 1799, stood in the center of the village.

1040 ft.), and look toward Moulton Ridge, your eyes would scan a region eminently rich in scenic beauty; the valley between the two elevations being the locale designating the spot where the majestic pine — the monarch of the forest, reared its exalted countenance toward the sky!

Let me reiterate and emphasize the fact that these sawmills were actually a boon to farming and the building industry. Lumbering created an interest in clearing the land preparatory to cultivation — agriculture is, as we all know, the mainstay of all industries!



## V

### EARLY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

Although assiduously engaged in arduous work, most of the people of Porter, being genuinely pious, did not permit themselves to become enslaved by labor. They recognized the inestimable importance of the Sabbath — the day consecrated to rest and worship.

The first religious services in the plantation were held in the homes of the settlers. These assemblies were humble affairs; but what they lacked in pomp and circumstance were amply compensated by religious fervor and kindheartedness!

The first church organization (Congregational) had its origin in October, 1804; its members living in the northern section of the plantation and the adjoining Brownfield. Rev. Jacob Rice (1741-1824), a Harvard College graduate, from Henniker, N. H., was installed as pastor. His year's salary was, according to agreement, a bushel of wheat a year from each member. Rev. Rice became suddenly ill while delivering a sermon in a schoolhouse — used as a church, and died a few hours later.

On a tombstone in Brownfield Center Cemetery we read the following epitaph:

“Rev. Jacob Rice

Died

Feb. 1, 1824.

Age 84 yrs.

On sabbath morn while at his post

He fell and yielded up the ghost.

One half his message not yet said,

Ere he was numbered with the dead.”

A Baptist church was organized in 1806 or 1807 in the southern

part of the town. The Rev. Lemuel Rich of Machias, Maine, was present at this momentous event. The church records have disappeared, but we have a list of the church members of that period — all well known to an appreciative posterity.

Elkins, Miss Nancy; married Joshua Hazeltine of Brownfield, Dec. 12, 1813.

Fox, Miss Abigail; married Oliver Stacy, Dec. 1, 1814.

Fox, Deborah, wife of John.

Fox, Miss Deborah, daughter of Deborah and John; married Thomas Howard.

Fox, Jemima, wife of Elijah Fox.

Fox, Abigail, wife of Edward Fox.

Knowles, Daniel and wife Mary.

Libby, James, son of Mary and Stephen Libby.

Libby, John, son of preceding.

Libby, Mary, wife of Stephen Libby.

Libby, Meshach.

Libby, Simeon and wife Hannah.

Libby, Mary, Jemima, Sally; 18, 16, 12 years, respectively—daughters of Stephen and Mary Libby.

Mason, Tryphene, wife of John Mason.

Nutter, Charles, husband of Olive (nee Taylor).

Since this congregation had no settled minister, pastors from other churches were requested to contribute their service. Among these Churchmen were: Rev. Rice of Machias; Rev. Locke of Hollis; Rev. Kinsman of Limerick; and others.

The Free Will Baptist Church, founded by Elder Benjamin Randall (d. 1808), was formed in Porter by Elder John Buzzell of Parsonsfield, some time after 1808, but not later than 1818 or 1819 at the latest. The names of the first members of this organization are:

Brooks, Misses Lucy and Betsey.

French, Jacob and wife Mary.

French, William and wife Kezia.

Hodsdon, Bethany, wife of Samuel.

Mason, Betsey, wife of John 2d.

Pearl, Catharine, wife of Joseph.

Stacy, Ruth, wife of John.





Early Elders who Preached the Gospel in the Porter Old Meeting House.



Stanley, Joseph and wife Eunice.

Stanley, William and wife Susannah.

Tibbetts, Henry and wife Hannah.

These were the men and women who helped to build one of the most historic structures in New England — the Porter Old Meeting House; erected in 1819; dedicated in 1820; rededicated on Sunday, September 6, 1953.

The foundation of the Old Porter Meeting House was laid in 1819, and the actual work of construction began at the time of its dedication in 1820, but for some reason the work was suspended in 1821 or 1822. The work was resumed in 1824, however, following the town meeting held on April 5th of that year, when it was voted to raise \$400.00 for the purpose of finishing the building. Fortunately, we have an eyewitness account of the actual process, coming from a most trustworthy source; the narrator being, Elias Gould (1815-1910), the youngest son of Bartholomew Gould (1774-1855). Elias came to Porter with his father in 1821, at the age of seven years. The present writer got the information from the pen of Levi Libby Cook (1866-1939), the great, great grandson of Stephen Libby.

Elias Gould distinctly remembered the many trips he and his father made with a yoke of oxen hauling "pumpkin" pine boards from Stephen Libby's sawmill to the place on John Libby's lot where the meeting house was under construction. He related an instance that occurred at the "raising" of the framework of the building. This particular circumstance is of interest because of the poise and courage required for its performance. It was an old custom for someone, who had steady nerves, to walk the entire length of the ridgpole ("running pole"), then back again — this was the outstanding feature of the "frame-raising ceremony." And who, do you think, performed this feat at the meeting house? Why, our old friend, Stephen Libby — known among the old settlers as "Leftenant" Libby! He was 61 years of age then!

At the town meeting held on April 5, 1824, mentioned previously, it was voted "to give Elder James Sawyer a call to preach the gospel." He accepted the "call," hence became the first settled minister in the town. How long he held his office, is not given, but the church was for many years thereafter without a settled minister.



In the March 18, 1909 issue of "The Ossipee Valley Weekly," Levi L. Cook wrote: "In the summer of 1881, this ancient and revered edifice was shorn of the most intrinsic ornament; the pulpit in which has stood many of the most influential advocates of Christianity for five generations was taken down." In the next paragraph he gives a description of this "antique affair." But the reader can form his or her own opinion about the pulpit now, inasmuch as it was recovered, in 1953, by the present writer, and restored to its original condition by Mr. Eugene C. Quint, the famous wood carver of Kezar Falls. More about this Old Porter Meeting House and its venerable pulpit anon.

May 20, 1816, was an important date to the District of Maine in general and to the town of Porter in particular. William French, as a juror from Porter, attended the United States court at Portland on that eventful day. A vote for the separation of Maine from Massachusetts and the establishment of statehood was passed unanimously. But not until March 3, 1820, did Congress admit Maine into the Union.

The year, 1816, also brought about some strange weather in Maine, known as "The Year without a Summer." Deacon William Wentworth of Brownfield kept a record of weather conditions in his town, and here is what he had to say about it: "There was some snow on the 6th, 7th and 8th of June; a frost on the 30th of June, July 9th, and August 22d." Everything, except rye, was injured by the frost; this naturally brought about severe privations throughout the state, especially during the winter of 1816-1817.





What was formerly the first church in Kezar Falls — see text herein for further data. The building has since been converted into the Garner Gymnasium, and the local Fire House.



Ridlon Bros. Store in 1905. *Standing in front of counter, left to right, are Carroll Wales, Merton Gentleman, Will Tarbox, and Dr. Magnus Ridlon, then a student at Bowdoin College. In the rear are Benjamin Ridlon at left, and Walter Ridlon, business partners.*



## VI

### POSTMASTERS: PORTER VILLAGE AND KEZAR FALLS

The population of the Plantation of Porterfield in 1880 is said to have been 272 souls — the nearest post office was at the village of Saco! In 1820, thirteen years after a part of Porterfield had been incorporated into a town — the town of Porter, and the year when Maine was admitted to the Union as a part of the Missouri Compromise, Porter had 486 inhabitants — a rise of only 114 in twenty years! What the town lacked in quantity, it made up for in quality, as substantiated by the Italian proverb: "He who goes slowly goes far and goes long." For several years prior to 1822, the good people of Porter had to go to the post office on Middle Road, Parsonsfield, to receive, or post, their mail. On December 21, 1822, however, Porter got its first post office. A big step forward! Postage stamps first came into use in 1852, by an act of Congress.

The National Archives and Records Service (Washington 25, D. C.) presents the following information about the post office at Porter:

"According to records of the Post Office Department now in our custody, the post office at Porter was established as Porter's Bridge on December 21, 1822. Its name was changed to Porter on December 31, 1835. Names of postmasters and dates of their appointments were:

James Coffin	December 21, 1822
Willaim Towle, Jr.	August 20, 1823
Jane Coffin	March 31, 1830
Ebenezer Blazo, Jr.	December 29, 1830
John Higgins	December 5, 1839
Ebenezer Blazo, Jr.	December 11, 1843
William Stanley	June 16, 1853





The center of Porter Village in 1953. What was formerly Wentworth's blacksmith shop is on the left close to Mill Brook.



Post Office and Store, 1910 — the oldest building in Porter at the time. Built in 1806. *Left to right:* Wirt Cross, Lester Wentworth, Al Stanley, Sam Blazo, Postmaster, Harry Blazo, Unidentified, Jacob Wiggin, Henry Wilson.



James French, Jr.	June 29, 1857
Ebenezer Blazo	August 3, 1861
Annie M. French	February 20, 1886
Amos Blazo	July 10, 1889
Amos F. Mason	March 17, 1903
David A. Redlon	February 20, 1906
Samuel C. Blazo	October 22, 1908
Charles W. Cole	January 15, 1917
May H. Hadlock	December 1, 1921
Ophelia M. Hadlock	December 14, 1921
Jens K. Johanson	October 7, 1922
Mrs. Sarah C. Chase	June 21, 1946
Arnold D. Chase (acting)	August 30, 1956

The same source of information--National Archives and Records Service informs us that, "a post office was established at Kezar Falls, York County, on December 14, 1839. Names of postmasters and dates of their appointments were:

Flanders Newbegin	December 14, 1839
Calvin F. Bonney	December 14, 1848
Gideon M. Randall	August 6, 1851
John W. Randall	March 5, 1862
William T. Sargent	March 24, 1865
William G. Davis	April 21, 1879
Walter H. Newbegin	June 14, 1893
Preston J. Stanley	June 16, 1897
Orman L. Stanley	December 16, 1902
W. H. Newbegin	July 29, 1913
Rita C. Batchelder	February 11, 1918
Ellsworth W. Sawyer	September 28, 1918
Mrs. Mabel S. Sawyer (acting)	May 14, 1932
Arnold Chase	July 1, 1933
Sewell H. MacDaniel (still serving in 1956)	July 1, 1939

## VII

### THE GREAT RATTLESNAKE HUNT

The year, 1820, is also kept green in Porter because of a "rattlesnake hunt" that was staged on Rattlesnake Mountain. Rattlers were found everywhere within the borders of Porter up to the time of the following incident. It was spring, and a bright sun beat upon the crags and ledges of Rattlesnake Mountain, the favorite haunt of the rattlesnake. Oliver Stacy and a neighbor, both carrying firearms, grimly set out to reduce the number of these venomous reptiles; and so successful were they that within an hour eleven rattlers were sent to the happy hunting grounds! One hundred and fifteen years have passed since the last rattler decided to leave Porter.

The reader would undoubtedly be interested in knowing more about Oliver Stacy--the intrepid pioneer who not only freed Porter from venomous serpents, but also contributed years of his time and labor toward promoting the welfare of his town and the "Ship of State."

Oliver Stacy was born in Berwick, Sept. 30, 1792; the eldest child of John and Ruth Gould Stacy. He moved with his parents into Porter in 1804. He held the office of Selectman in Porter in 1828, 1829, 1832, 1833, 1834; was representative to the Legislature in 1863. He and his first and second wives; Abigail and Apphia, respectively, rest in the Moses Stacy Lot, Riverside Cemetery, Kezar Falls.

The never-ending work of building and repairing roads has always been a debatable subject--almost as controversial as religion and politics! From the viewpoint of the historian, the methods employed by our forefathers hold the most fascinating appeal. These thoroughfares usually followed the course of least resistance. Animal trails were, in many instances, adopted and developed by primi-



tive man--the early settlers, however, possessing more ingenuity than their predecessors, made further improvements. A swamp or bog, for instance, was not regarded as an insurmountable obstacle, but unhesitatingly bridged by means of logs laid side by side transversely across the spongy or miry land. All right for horse-drawn vehicles. Modern road constructors occasionally come upon these corduroy roads. Small streams were spanned by huge blocks of stone brought from the nearest ledge, whereas the water courses that were too wide to be bridged by such means were forded. We still enjoy these rustic bridges and fording places on our leisurely walks along the abandoned roads in Porter.

The years 1827, 1828, 1829 and 1830 were chiefly concerned with road-building, and \$3,000.00 were voted to be used for labor and material in the construction of the county road between the town of Hiram and the New Hampshire-Maine boundary. And what were the wages and hours of work? Each man was paid twelve and one-half cents per hour for himself and the same for a yoke of oxen! The working-day in those "good, old times" was from sunrise to sunset! The modern eight-hour day was undreamt of -- there were no labor unions!

No sooner had this project been completed than another one confronted the townspeople. To build a bridge across the Great Ossipee at the Falls became a hotly debated problem. By 1833, however, this question had also been settled, and that to the satisfaction of all concerned. A "pier" bridge was built across the mighty stream; financed through subscription. It was swept away by the freshet of 1868. A covered bridge took its place in 1869, at a cost to the town of Porter, \$1,632.15.

## VIII

### THE OX

A book of unique verse came out in 1833; called by its author, Thomas Randall, "The Farmer's Meditations or Shepherd's Songs." As the reader already knows, Randall's father, Thomas Randall, came to the plantation of Porter in 1793, and was listed as a citizen in 1803; he subsequently moved to Eaton — the first settler of Eaton was Joseph Snow. Thomas Randall, the poet, was probably born in Eaton, N. H., inasmuch as he is mentioned as "A Resident of Eaton, N. H." in the Preface to his volume of poems, published by William Burr, Printer, in Limerick, Maine. He lived to a great age, spending most of his life in the town of Parsonsfield. His "Poem XII," bearing the title, "The Ox," is given here in its entirety.

"God made the earth with all its flocks,  
The grow'ling swine, the docile ox;  
He made them all for noble use,  
Tho' many suffer great abuse.

2 The ox was made in aid of men,  
To draw his wood, to plow his land;  
Submissively he draws his load,  
And in his labor chews his cud.

3 His tallow serves to make us light,  
(A fine assistant to the sight.)  
His meat is rare, it's what we choose;  
His hide is always good for shoes.



4 His horns we use to make us combs;  
Oil is extracted from his bones.  
The ox we view with great delight,  
And love to taste his tender tripe.

5 His liver, too, it is confess'd,  
Is excellent, if rightly dress'd.  
His hair, when mixed well with lime,  
It plasters well on oak or pine.

6 His gall is used for a sprain,  
'Twill cure the wound and ease the pain,  
And if applied, you'll find it so;  
'Twill help the crippled man to go.

7 His paunch, the country women, please;  
It's often used to fetch their cheese.  
(Tho' this may make the ladies laugh,  
It's not inferior to the calf.)

8 The tongue, that often roll'd the cud,  
Combed his hair and lick'd the mud,  
(We can't reproach it for a lie,)  
It makes a most delicious pie.

9 The foot, that wore the iron shoe,  
Affords a juice that's good for glue;  
The cabinet-makers like it well,  
They glue their work to make it sell.

10 The steady ox the corn will nib;  
He knows his master and his crib;  
With resignation bears the yoke,  
Until his sweated body smoke.

11 With steady gate he braves the storm;  
Strong in his limbs, a noble form;

His gate is quickened by the rod  
To plough the ground and break the sod.

12 Here I've described his partial use;  
Tho' oft he suffers great abuse,  
When tyrants beat him with a rod —  
Which once was thought Egyptians' god!

13 Oft tyrants beat his body sore,  
And heavy curses on him pour!  
Ten thousand evils on him wish,  
But still in part is human flesh.

14 Here I've described the noble ox,  
The first of father Adam's flocks;  
He is faithful, kind, and true,  
In every age he's passing through.

15 His use or end no one can know,  
How far above or deep below,  
What part of nature he may stand,  
Whether with angel, God, or man.

16 What future state he may abound,  
Or in what shape he will be found,  
We do not know, nor can we tell —  
On the great scale all things are well."



## IX

### PORTER IN THE WARS

*Silent leges inter arma* — “The laws are silent in time of war.” The Romans coined many apt epigrams, but they, like all other peoples of the world, rarely, if ever, acted habitually in conformity with them!

That Christ, Himself, “The Prince of Peace,” did not authorize warfare, would suffice to condemn the destruction of life and property amongst rational beings, but real or fancied wrongs easily lead to retaliations — the laws that govern decent conducts are completely ignored under the pressure of religious, political and military obsessions!

Since we all lament the untimely passing of those we once loved, it is but proper that we should continue to cherish their memory, inasmuch as they had fought and died for what they had been taught to regard as the only way to an everlasting peace!

The following list contains the names of the soldiers, either residents in, or natives of, Porter, who served in American and foreign wars. The military records of those who served in American wars will be found in Thomas Moulton’s “History of Porter;” pages 52 to 74.

#### Revolutionary War

(1775-1783)

Volunteers — 6

Samuel Brooks, James Brown, John Fox, David Moulton, Joseph Pearl, Josiah Wood.

**War of 1812**

(1812-1814)

Volunteers — 28

Job Baily, William Bickford, John Brooks, Samuel Brooks, Nathaniel Cook, Nathaniel Cook, 2d, Edward Fox, Ephraim Fox, John Hays, Jr., David Hodsdon, James Libby, John Libby, Jacob Mason, Francis Mathews, — McIntire, John Moulton, Diamond Pearl, John Pearl, Simeon Pearl, Jonathan Philbrick, Perkins Philbrick, Simeon Philbrick, Daniel Sargent, Samuel Stanley, John Thompson, Samuel Tibbetts, Hugh Tucker, Jr., Daniel Wentworth.

**Mexican War**

(1846-1848)

Volunteers — 7

Samuel Brooks, 3d, Edward Fox, George W. Kennard, George W. Pearl, James Peters, Thomas B. Peters, Jonathan Stacy.

**Civil War**

(1861-1865)

Volunteers — 82

Ivory H. Banks, John Berry, Isaac Bickford, Ezra Blazo, Benjamin F. Cole, Erastus W. Bradeen, John C. Bridges, John M. Brooks, John W. Cole, Joseph B. Cook, Thaddeus W. Coolbroth, William J. Coolbroth, Samuel Danforth, Joseph M. Davis, Wentworth Day, Joseph Downs, Henry D. Durgin, John B. Duroy, Ira Floyd, Osgood F. Floyd, William F. Foster, Albion P. Fox, Daniel J. Fox, David M. Fox, George Henry Fox, James L. Fox, Jonathan Fox, 2d., Lorenzo D. Fox, William W. Fox, John Fox, Charles French, Daniel D. French, Lorenzo D. French, Randall French, William H. French, William H. Garland, Joseph O. Gentleman, Elias R. Gibbs, Samuel N. Gibbs, William Kimball, George W. Lewis, Randall Libby, 2d., John Lord, Samuel McDonald, John Moulton, Jr., Moses F. Norton, William G. Norton, Isaac Pearl, Joshua R. Pearl, Oliver T. Peters, Jeremiah Pugsley, Benjamin H. Ridlon, George F. Ridlon, George W. Ridlon, Joseph S. Ridlon, William Ridlon, Frank Robbins, Oren W. Rogers, William Rounds, Henry H. Sawyer, Isaac B. Sawyer, Sewell S. Sawyer, George H. Smith, Lorenzo D. Stacy, Oliver Stacy, Jr., Moses N. Stanley, Samuel Stanley, 2d., William S. Stanley, Sam-



uel Stewart, John Storer, Henry C. Tibbetts, Ezra Towle, Nelson Towle, Wellington Towle, William G. Towle, David Varney, Edward K. Varney, William S. Weeks, Isaac D. White, John F. Wiggin, James M. Wilkinson, Darius Wormwood.

### World War I

(1917-1918)

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Fred R. Allard, Perley Sheridan Champion, Curtis L. Chick, Lord Randolph Churchill, Fred Day, George F. Day, Elmer Douglass, Harry V. Fox, George W. Gray, John W. Hallett, Nathaniel Lewis, Ralph T. Libby, Ray E. McAllister, Ralph W. Mason, Sumner A. Metcalf, Grover R. Norton, Linwood W. Rice, Burton S. Sawyer, Harold E. Stacy, Archie P. Stanley, Guy S. Wentworth, Howard Wentworth.

### World War II

(1939-1945)

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Erwin Archibald, Ernest Cartland, Gordon Champion, Curtis Chapman, Frederick Chapman, Roland Chapman, James Chase, Charles Churchill, Robert Churchill, Chester Cutting, Arnold L. Day, Erwin L. Day, Erwin F. Day, Harley E. Day, Merle F. Day, Roland Day, William S. Day, Dorothy Davis, Harry Davis, Kenneth Douglas, Adrian Durgin, Maurice Durgin, Roland L. Eastman, Bernard Eastman, Howard Giles, Patricia Goodwin, Jackson Hammond, Clayton F. Hartford, Everett Ingraham, Fred Jones, Jr., Glen Jones, Roger E. Jordan, Raymond E. Kennard, Clifford L. Kennard, Frank E. Lewis, Laurence Lewis, Lucian Lewis, Ralph Lewis, Delwin Libby, Edward C. Libby, Everett Libby, George Libby, Harrison L. Libby, Jr., Laurence Libby, Lorry Libby, Lionel Locklin, Delbert Mason, William Mason, Carlton McDonald, Carleton McDonald, Conrad McDonald, Lloyd H. McDonald, Winfield McDonald, Merton S. Meloon, David Merrifield, Eleanor Merrifield, Richard Merrifield, Chester Metcalf, Carl Mills, Dorothy Nuzzo, Eugene Perkins, Henry B. Perry, Roscoe Pease, Eugene Pierce, Harold Pierce, Laurence Pierce, Esther I. Ridlon, Kenneth Ridlon, Ralph Ridlon, Mabel I. Sanderson, Kermit Sargent, Allan Sawyer, Jr., Maxine

Sawyer, Robert B. Sawyer, Samuel S. Sawyer, William B. Sawyer, Fred Shackley, Charles Smith, Jr., Arthur F. Stacy, Wayne Stacy, Preston J. Stanley, Roger Stanley, Neal A. Taylor, Reynold Tibbetts, Vernon K. Wales, Elwin Watson, Rodney Watson, Vaughn Watson, Elwin Weeks, Laurence Weeks, Roland Wentworth, Percy Wentworth, Kenneth C. Wright.

These various wars, although fought with the customary violence of enraged men, have had a few salutary reactions upon all concerned. All the suffering and sorrow of the American Revolution have subsided into one lingering sigh of relief! The War of 1812, through the "Monroe Doctrine," that "the free and independent condition which they have assumed and maintain, are henceforth not to be considered as subjects for future colonization by any European power." The Mexican War was but the inevitable outcome of an overt act of U. S. aggression -- nothing less, nothing more! The Civil War, on the contrary, had, so far as the North was concerned, a higher objective in view, namely; the abolition of slavery -- they thought with Lincoln "that there can be no moral right in connection with one man's making a slave of another." Moreover, "can we as a nation continue together permanently--forever--half slave and half free?" The Civil War was dearly won--through indescribable suffering! The town of Porter contributed greatly in man-power to abolish the institution of slaveholding. Many of its most valorous citizens paid the supreme sacrifice! Even financially, Porter paid a heavy price for victory. In 1862--at the early stage of the war, the town's debt stood at \$3,475,34; in 1865, Porter's indebtedness had risen to \$29,547,00--a formidable figure to a population of some 1,100 souls!

Concerning the other wars fought on foreign soil, we live too close to these events to get a comprehensive perspective and an unprejudiced appraisal.



## X

### WOMEN'S PLACE IN THE HISTORY OF PORTER

For some unanalyzable reason, man has always regarded himself as "the pedestal of achievement!" This despite the fact that "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." The Greek philosopher, Aristotle, asks: "What difference does it make whether women rule, or the rulers are ruled by women?" The message this worthy wishes to convey to his own sex suffering from an inferiority complex is that every impulsive outburst; every philosophic speculation of penetrating insight; every epoch-making advance made in literature, music and art has been inspired by a female--mother, sister, sweetheart, wife, daughter, granddaughter or niece!

There were approximately 255 married women in Porter between 1800 and 1860 -- 255 housewives who often had to be on the alert twenty-four hours a day, thus confirming the old proverb: "A man's work is from sun to sun, but a woman's work is never done!"

Should--provided they could, these departed ones return to the scenes of their former lives, they would, undoubtedly, express great astonishment over the changes brought about during their absence. We, on the contrary, having had the opportunity to study past events, would naturally view their world with a comparatively mild interest!

Despite our advanced knowledge of human progress, it would still be of interest to many a sentimental soul to be reminded of a few incidents in the every-day life of the pioneer women of Porter.

To the average woman, life began when she got married. The bearing of children; one every other year, for a number of years, constituted the highlights in her career. This was her destiny, yet, numerous subordinate incidents in her life made it a most strenuous





Porter's 5-generation family (1956). Alice McDonald, great, great, grandmother (*center*); Ellen Norton, great grandmother (*holding Craig*); Arlene Pease, grandmother (*seated at right*); Betty Miller, the mother (*standing*) of Craig Miller.



South Hiram Schoolhouse (1914). This is one of the very few district schoolhouses still standing. It is not in the town of Porter, but S. Hiram has always been closely allied with Kezar Falls geographically, at least. The only other Porter district schoolhouses now standing and not converted to other uses are the Black, the Cross, and the Village.



one. To give birth to a child is in itself little short of a miracle; to bring it up equally so, as the latter is beset with an array of perplexing problems. As a housewife, with a husband and children to feed, her course was set, but not without trials and commensurate recompense.

Sickness in some form or another seemed inevitable, but frequent trips to the herb garden eventually brought the anticipated relief. However, no such surcease from the performance of necessary tasks on the farm was forthcoming. These tasks, as already alluded to, were many and various. These she performed with stoic resignation and dispatch. Let's name and describe some of them. Let us also, for the sake of clarity, call our thrifty housewife, "Mrs. Porter."

Mrs. Porter did all the planning in her household. She knew best **what** was needed, and **where** to get it. She never permitted the larder to become empty. She was equal to any emergency!

For further perspicuity, let's assign our exemplary figure to a definite period, say, to the Fall of 1807. The apple orchard; the vegetable garden; the fields of ripened grain--all stand in readiness to yield a bountiful harvest! These, being stored in cellar and granary, would amply provide for a future time and need.

To even surmise that the produce of the farm could thus easily be gathered for preservation would be an utter fallacy! The apples had to be picked and packed with great care if they were to survive the winter months. The cereal grasses, like the rye, wheat, oats, barley had to be cut down by the sickle or the scythe; this done, the flail was employed to thrash out the kernels from their integument. The next, and last, act consisted of separating and driving off the chaff from the grain--this final process called for considerable skill. The person who could do it properly was known as the "winner." Mrs. Porter could be depended upon to do all these things should necessity demand it. Maize, or Indian corn, was first cut down by hand, then gathered and bound into sheaves; these were promptly shocked, that is, several sheaves were collected and set up together in the field--a field of such shocks, seen at a short distance closely resembled the Indian tepees of the Great Plains. It is a comforting thought to know that the apples and corn, besides serving as food, gave rise to wholesome pastimes, such as apple-peeling bees

and husking bees—a "bee" being a gathering of neighbors or friends for some entertainment.

All the cereal grain had to be ground into coarse or fine flour, hence taken to the grist mill on Mill Brook. Sometimes, as in bad weather, this could not be done; in such a case, the mortar and pestle were put into service. With all the above mentioned grain available, you have to create a mental picture of what the busy housewife accomplished the next few days! Beside grain and apples, there were numerous vegetables to be taken care of--pickling cucumber; preserving beans, peas, squash, beets--the work was seemingly endless.

Since there were few vegetarians in Porter, meat, milk, butter, cheese, eggs and other animal products were regarded as essential foods, but before they could be enjoyed they had to be produced. This meant the raising of cattle, sheep, hogs, chickens; to mention a few of the most common domestic animals. To take care of these creatures was often assigned to the housewife--when her husband was away lumbering, building roads, hunting, fishing, or attending a town meeting.

Sometimes Mrs. Porter would find time to attend a sewing bee or a quilting bee, and probably once or twice in her life enjoy with her children a boating party on Bickford Pond and a sliding party on a nearby hill. Sugaring-off parties were held each year in various parts of the town, and was well attended by both young and old. When Sabbath came, Mrs. Porter and her children walked to where divine service was held, usually at a settler's who had a roomy house. Every day of the year was filled to capacity with honest toil, and her reaction to it was a patient submission that called for no reproach!

Mrs. Porter of today lives in a different environment. She has numerous labor-saving devices, hence more leisure for social activities. She has acquired, through years of painstaking efforts, the right to vote, and by so doing placed in the most favorable position for combating the evils of mankind.



## XI

### HUNTING AND FISHING

The first account we have of a hunting experience comes from Meshach Libby—the very first person to settle in the town of Porter. It is allowable, I think, to do some theorizing at the very outset — first, respecting the type of firearm carried by our erstwhile nimrod. Judging by the irregular incidents involved, we are led to believe that Meshach used a blunderbuss; that is, a flintlock with a flaring muzzle.

Thus armed, Meshach set out on his hunting expedition. Since game was plentiful in Porter at that time, he did not have to go far from home to satisfy his taste for adventure. He first came within blunderbuss range of a deer browsing amongst acorns, but a mere look into the warm, soft eyes of the doe was enervating hence discouraged the use of the gun. A short distance away he espied a real adversary — a black bear ensconced in the crotch of a huge oak. Meshach could display no leniency toward this fellow creature; male or female, because he had recently been bereft of several sheep, and this bear could have been the very one who perpetrated that foul deed!

At this critical moment, the narrator does not say whether Meshach discharged his weapon at the bear or not, but he evidently pulled the trigger, and the sound of the explosion by itself was sufficient to cause a concussion in both man and beast.

That the bear sustained the severest shock of the two is evidenced by the fact that the bear lay prostrate at the foot of the tree when Meshach had regained his consciousness. Thinking the bruin dead, Meshach approached it with more or less confidence and with the object of removing its hide, when, to his astonishment, the animal

suddenly and defiantly faced him! To fight it would be madness; to climb the tree, equally absurd. The only alternative lay in flight, but how? The only way open for an escape was to outmatch his opponent in a Marathon race! A bright idea, and he immediately put it into practice — the restricted space around that oak became the race-course!

Around and around the tree the two "contestants" ran—a "merry-go-round of suspense!" After half a dozen laps, Meshach got his "second wind" and began ransacking his brain for some idea that would outwit the bear — running indefinitely in circles would get him nowhere! Why not reload his gun? Yes, Why not! He did, and never before in his life had he worked so fast and under such a trying circumstance!

Since his gun was a muzzle-loader, he had to run another six laps before it was made ready for action. At this critical moment the original narrative reads: "Meshach turns suddenly, and his pursuer is stretched on the race course in the agonies of death." Nothing is said about Meshach's **firing** the gun, therefore we are led to surmise that the bear died from fright!

The second authentic bear hunt in Porter comes from Dearborn's "History of Parsonsfield." The incident concerns John Stacy (1763-1837); first Treasurer of the town of Porter, 1807, 1808, 1809; and selectman for several years. The story reads as follows: "John Stacy was a good marksman — he killed at one shot three cub bears soon after he moved to Porter." He came to Porter, from Parsonsfield, on April 9, 1804.

Rattlesnakes were, as previously pointed out, a scourge throughout the hilly and mountainous regions of New England during the colonial period, and there was a bounty on noxious animals, including rattlers.

Wolves had also been numerous up to the time of the American Revolution, but the early settlers in Porter were not bothered by them. George Kezar, however, was much annoyed by these "adroit and persistent robbers of his traps." Foxes, bears and bobcats have been a menace to sheep and poultry raisers until a few decades ago. But, let's go back to the bears again.

George Kezar had a serious fight with a bear once; exactly where





Bickford Pond, originally called Deer Pond. Fishermen were Claude Kelley, *left*, and Jack Greenan.



Cornshop Workers around 1900. *Front row, left to right:* Roy Ridlon, Guy Durgin, Mabel Sawyer, Bertha Gilpatrick, Pink Stanley, Etta Cole, Angie Ridlon, Roy Pendexter, Joe Taylor. *Second row, left to right:* Frank Gilpatrick, Harold W. Gerrish, Alton Goodwin, Abbie Stanley, Nell Brooks, Florence Lord, Mary Page, ? Hodgdon, Mrs. Chas. Wescott, Eliza Goodwin, ? Pendexter. *Third row, left to right:* Frank Pendexter, ? (the boy), Wyman Cotton, Charles Wescott, Ed. Libby, Chas. Hodgdon, Seth Spring, Everett Cole, John Spring, Jesse Gilpatrick (back of Cole and Spring), Frank Brooks, Owen Gilpatrick, John Taylor. *Fourth row, left to right:* Linwood Pendexter, Harry Burbank.



is not known, as there are two versions of the same happening. One report has it that Kezar gave the bear a knockout with his hatchet at the foot of Mudgett's Hill, near West Pond, Parsonsfield; the other story, of a later date, puts the scene "near the base of Rattlesnake Mountain," in the town of Porter. In this second case, Kezar thrusts his hunting knife through the bear's open jaws into her throat — killing her, of course! The final act in both versions had the same outcome: "Kezar sustained a lacerated and bleeding arm."

The caves and crags of the county adjacent to Mine Pond and Plain Pond were formerly — about one hundred years ago, the favorite haunts of the black bear, according to the information furnished the writer by the late Ellsworth W. Sawyer. On a stroll down to Plain Pond — some twenty-seven years ago, Mr. Sawyer pointed out the cave where his grandfather, W. T. Sawyer, who lived only half a mile from the place, used to trap bears. In recent years, bears have been shot on Whale's Back and Bald Ledge. A profusion of beech-nuts in this area may account for their frequency.

Pine Hill, Davis Mountain and Devil's Den are the homes of the porcupine — an animal very destructive to trees. Its only usefulness seems to be when no other food is available — to a starving man this "pincushioned porker" is the last resort!

Both deer and moose are to be found in Porter; the former being quite common; the latter only occasionally met with. Among the smaller, fur-bearing animals, none are more abundant than the beaver; in fact, at no other time in the history of Porter has there been so many beaver colonies — practically every stream of any size has one or several beaver dams and at least one lodge in every flooded area. The muskrat — "a little cousin of the beaver," as the Indian called it, has also increased in number, but the mink, otter, fisher and the weasel have not multiplied in recent years. Coon hunting has reduced the raccoon population considerably — the hare and the cony have had two setbacks — one from hunters and his hounds; the other from an epidemic. The red fox has also been hard hit by a wide-spread disease which accounts for the "mangy-looking" creatures skulking along the highways. The odoriferous skunk — noted more for its fetid odor when irritated or alarmed than its looks is well known to all motorists! This charming animal is usually



found where it is not wanted — under buildings and near chicken-coops. After having been “deodorized,” the skunk becomes a most affectionate “parlor-pet.” The gray and the red squirrel are still with us, but not as many as formerly. The red squirrel has a bad reputation, living chiefly on eggs and small birds; the gray squirrel, on the contrary, subsists chiefly on nuts, and its flesh is considered to be a delicacy by the epicurean.

Among our game-birds, the goose, duck, grouse and pheasant are outstanding. The wild turkey, once so plentiful, are now extinct — an old hunter informed the writer a few years ago, that he saw several in the woods of Hiram and Porter as late as 1890. The planting of wild rice along the margin of our ponds and bogs would help greatly to increase our game-birds; without such feeding-grounds we need not expect any return!

As for fish, we are solely dependent upon the fish hatcheries for this game — in the November 2, 1911 issue of “The Ossipee Valley Weekly,” we read: “Ned K. Woodbury of Cornish received 5000 red-spot trout from the state hatcheries to be placed in Colcord Pond, Porter.” Salmon and shad used to ascend the Saco River and the Great Ossipee to their spawning-grounds at the headwaters of these streams. This migration has been curtailed by dams. The building of fish-ways at these dams would rejuvenate the fishing industry. Pickerel is found in every pond — from the smaller; Jaybird pond, Hubbard Pond, Plain Pond, to the biggest, Bickford Pond. The last named body of water has recently been stocked with salmon. The lower end of this pond is good “bass-water.” Several species of trout are found in the ponds and brooks. Yellow perch, sunfish, sucker and bullhead — these complete the list of edible fish found enjoying the crystal clear waters of the ponds and streams of Porter.

## XII

### MINERAL RESOURCES

According to Joseph Scott's "Gazatteer of the United States," pub. 1795, in Philadelphia, Pa., "A species of stone is found in York County which yields copperas (crystallized ferrous sulphate) and sulphur." This report must have excited the people of Porterfield! As already pointed out, this plantation **was** situated in the county of York — it was possible that this "mysterious" stone could be found within the confines of Porterfield! Many substances could be obtained from this greenish rock, such as sulphuric acid, pigments and gunpowder. Even William Shakespeare knew the value — the medicinal property of its sulphur content when he explained: "Quick, nurse, burn some sulphur; the cure of all ill!" In those days, sulphur was also associated with brimstone or hell-fire!

Porter's response to the above-mentioned "news" was not to become immediately engaged in any mining enterprise by digging or blasting, but, conversely, to make proper use of the material already at hand. The making of charcoal occupied the attention of many of Porter's industrious citizens. A kiln was one of the two requisites — a kiln of the most primitive kind, and plenty of wood. The wood was neatly piled forming a circular mound; this was covered with turf and moist earth to a thickness of several feet. The wood was ignited through a small opening leading into the center of the pile; this done, it was firmly closed. A close watch had to be kept on the burning wood so as not to permit its breaking out into flames. A week or ten days, sometimes longer — all depending upon the size of the pile, were required for the fire to char the wood, reducing it to charcoal. A cord of wood would turn out from 20 to 30 bushels of charcoal.



The making of potash and soap were thriving home industries in the early part of the 19th century. Four or five tons of beech bark, oak bark, or the wood and bark of other kinds of trees burned to ashes would produce about forty pounds of potash. By lixiviating these ashes or impure potash you would have **pearlash**, purified potash (potassium carbonate); a detergent widely employed in making soap and in tanning.

Eben. T. Nutter bought a tract of land from Stephen Libby in 1805, situated near the upper Spectacle Pond, and presently discovered on his newly acquired property a deposit of clay suitable for making bricks. This place eventually became known as "Nutter's Brick Yard." An interesting document having a direct bearing on this brickyard has very recently been brought to the attention of the present writer. This document reads as follows:

"Article of agreement, made and concluded, this Fourth day of April in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty by and between Eben. T. Nutter of Porter, County of Oxford, State of Maine, as the one part and F. & E. H. Newbegin of Parsonsfield, County of York, State of Maine, as the other part, that the said Nutter for the consideration hereafter mentioned hath agreed and doth hereby covenant and agree that he will furnish the said Newbegins with thirty-five thousand good brick, suitable to build a brick house, are to be eight and a half inches long, four inches wide & two inches &  $\frac{3}{8}$  thick before they are burnt, to be delivered at the said Nutter Brick Yard in Porter on or before the middle of August A. D. 1840, and the said Newbegins and their part doth hereby covenant and agree, that they will pay the said Nutter four dollars & forty-four cents per thousand for the said bricks, to the true and faithful performance of the several covenants and agreements aforesaid, the said Nutter & Newbegins doth hereby respectively bind themselves, their several and respective heirs, executors and administrators, each to the other in this final sum of Forty dollars. In witness whereof the parties have hereunto and their hands & seals the day and year above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of

GEO. W. NEWBEGIN

F. & E. H. NEWBEGIN

E. T. NUTTER"

The first mining operations made in the vicinity of Porter took place in the town of Parsonsfield, a short distance to the south of Kezar Falls, near the reservoir. Thomas Randall, the "poet of Eaton," and his son, Gideon M., were part owners in the project which had its beginning in 1829. The outcrop was, and still is, rich in sulphides — galena, pyrite, sphalerite. The mine was worked for about 20 years.

During that period, however, desultory prospecting was carried on in the adjoining town of Porter. Half a dozen places bear the marks of mining activities, more or less successful. The first mineral deposit to be worked was probably the one situated on the precipitous face of Mine Mountain—the abandoned mine shaft is 390 feet above Mine Pond at the foot of the mountain. The ore worked was galena, a sulphide of lead; traces of wolframite — a tungstate of iron and manganese, have been detected here in recent years. Also, close by, there is a large deposit of syenite; capable of taking a high polish, hence a source of monumental stone.

Magnetite occurs sporadically on Pine Hill, and its presence was surmised by early surveyors because of the deviation of the compass; and the ridge to the east, at the J. H. Cole Place (see the 1880-map of Porter), a deposit of pyrite (iron disulphide — burned for making sulphuric acid), has been worked now and then for decades.

The "Mount Eagle Mineral Spring" on the northern slope of Rattlesnake Mountain — formerly known as Mt. Eagle, has an interesting history — it was told to the present writer one day in early autumn, some fifteen years ago, by Mr. Harvey D. Granville, at the now abandoned "E. Hartford Place" at the foot of Rattlesnake Mountain. The "career" of this mineral spring seems to have been a short one. The only reason advanced for its brief existence was that the quantity of its crystal clear water was not sufficient to meet the growing demand. The quality was excellent — it still is, but a bigger water-vein needs to be opened to make the enterprise commercially successful. The water of the spring is moderately radioactive, but it has to be drunk at the spring to be effective. Indian Spring, near Porter Village, is the best known spring in town.

The precipitous side of Rattlesnake Mountain has an outcrop of what is technically known as **hematite**; one of the most important



ores of iron. Davis Mountain, situated north of, and adjacent to, Rattlesnake Mountain, has an outcrop of pegmatite (coarse granite) that shows, according to the Geiger counter, a high percentage of uranium.

Chalk Pond, a small kettle-pond, close to the Maine-New Hampshire line, rests upon a foundation of limestone — a rock consisting chiefly of calcium carbonate. A small kiln, used in calcining the limestone, was operating here some decades ago. The pond is fed by springs and has two outlets. Industrialists ought to investigate this extensive deposit of commercially valuable limestone.

The abandoned "silver-lead mine" on the land of the late Seth I. Day might also yield ore of commercial value. An open shaft, now almost closed, formerly led to the ore-bodies far below. The silver-lead (argentiferous galena) obtained here were, according to one reputable account, of good quality.

## XIII

### WALKS AND TALKS

Due to a favorable circumstance, only one set of farm buildings at Porterfield was destroyed by the devastating forest fires that swept through the adjoining towns of Fryeburg, Brownfield and Hiram in October, 1947. Thus, almost unscathed, Porter holds a "monopoly" on scenic grandeur! Taking this fact for granted, we need experience little difficulty about forming a mental picture of the town of Porter as it was, say, in 1807. Except for the numerous buildings, winding roads and a partly depleted evergreen forest, the physical features of the town are essentially the same now as they were at that time.

The every-day life of most people in those days was, however, quite different from ours in many respects. Everything was somewhat primitive. Work as well as play were more in conformity with simplicity than they are today. Dreams and aspirations arose from a less sophisticated environment!

We have one thing in common with these early settlers; namely, **restlessness**, and because of this uneasiness, they moved from place to place. We follow them in their wanderings when we inadvertently come to caved-in cellars along the highways and byways. We often pause before these remains to wonder -- who lived here? And if our curiosity is genuine, we make the necessary inquiries. The "discovery" of the site of a schoolhouse is equally interesting. What fond memories they recall in many a sentimental breast!

Every year someone returns to the scenes of his or her childhood. There is something uncanny about that urge to revisit the old homestead or the place where it once stood; not forgetting the burying-ground! Father Time seems to have added interest to such visits -- here is where we have the advantage over our predecessors.



The tourist trend towards Porter began about the year, 1845, when the stagecoach route between Porter and Saco was established. Peleg W. Gerrish (1823-1902) of Hiram was the coachman. His marriage to Lydia P. Chase of Parsonsfield, by Rev. Amariah Joy, took place on March 16, 1848, as recorded by John M. Libby, the Town Clerk of Porter. This coach carried both passengers and mail and was a boon to all the communities it served; Porter in particular. This stagecoach service continued regularly until 1871, when the White Mountains Line of the Portland-Ogdensburg Railroad -- now the Maine Central, was completed as far as to the White Mountains. It was originally intended to extend the railway up the Ossipee Valley, but some "lobbyist" decided the issue in favor of the latter route. The "iron horse" sounded the death knell to stagecoach travel!

It has been conjectured by many a wit of the "old school" that the innumerable stone fences crisscrossing New England could not have been built without the aid of intoxicants, such as rum or hard cider. That Porter had many a thirsty soul in the good, old days is evidenced by the fact that at the town meeting held on September 13, 1824, it was voted, among other things, to "give Nath'l Fox license for one year to retail strong liquors.

Give Sam'l Taylor license for one year to Do.

Give David Towle license for one year Ditto.

Give John Roberts license for one year do.

Attest, Hanson Libby, T. Clerk."

Again, at the town meeting held on April 7, 1845, the following article was discussed: "Article 34. To see if the town will instruct the selectmen (George Stacy, Joshua S. Roberts, Meshach Pike) to grant licenses to retailers of ardent spirits -- voted that the selectmen grant licenses to all that may make application to them to sell spirituous liquors the year ensuing."

The "ardent spirits" consumed in the town of Porter subsequent to 1851 -- the Maine Liquor Law was enacted in 1851 -- must have been responsible for the **ardent** rebuke an elder pronounced at a "revival hour" in a nearby town. This ludicrous pronouncement is reported to have been phrased as follows:

"Dear Brothers and Sisters:

A few days ago I went to the land of Porter where there is no

Sabbath Day and no Jesus -- where all you can hear is the flap of a pickerel's tail on one side of the river, and the crack of a rifle on the other!"

Rum was regarded as a "standby" to the tired person in the good, old days. At loggings, huskings, raisings and raftings its presence was thought indispensable. Even at funerals, mugs of rum helped to assuage the grieving heart. Sometimes, however, overindulgence produced ebullieny amongst the mourners, and the disturbers of the peace were promptly brought before the Justice of the Peace to explain the cause of their ill-timed hilarity!

Several decades ago, an ingenious trader conceived the idea that he could help the people of Porter to increase the number of stone fences, as well as augment the contents of his purse, by selling rum and hard cider to the good citizens of that town without a license. Well, for some time his new commodities brought him closer and closer to fortune, but one day, alas, the keen scent of a revenue officer got wind of the illicit affair, and our man of "good intentions" was caught and fined one hundred dollars. Later, when one of his former customers begged him for some of his thirst-quenching wares, he sadly replied: "No, my good man, I can't afford to give away my money!"

Home-made cider was once a common beverage, but the passing of the cider-mill has thrown hard cider into discard, and few lament its demise. No refreshment can equal or surpass a glass of Porter's pure spring water!

Foot-paths are useful thoroughfares in any community, especially if there are scenic or historic places of outstanding interest within reach of the average walker. One of the first things is an itinerant tourist enquires about in any region he happens to be visiting is, "How do I get to the summit of yonder height?" Our answer must invariably be, "Sorry to say, there's no human foot-path that will take you there -- you have to make your own way!" "But, what about Whale's Back, Bald Ledge, Devil's Den, Pine Hill, Libby Hill -- all excellent observation points?" With anguish we have to reply, "There's no trail!"

To the hunter, the trapper, the woodsman and the naturalist, trails are not necessary nor desirable --they love the trackless forests,



the impenetrable bogs and swamps! The average tourist is, however, not particularly fond of jeopardizing himself in order to reach a certain place off the beaten path. And to get to the most impressive points of observation in Porter today you have to force your way through dense woods and tangled undergrowth!

Once you have acquired the knack of building trails, there are few pastimes more delightful and remunerative. That the work of building a foot-path requires both inspiration and perspiration is self-evident, but nothing worthwhile is ever acquired without diligent effort! Again, the monetary value of building foot-paths lies in the fact that such a construction invites tourists — and tourists spend money!

In an emergency, like a forest fire, for instance, a practical trail might become very useful as it enables the fire-fighter to reach the scene of the conflagration in the shortest possible time and in a fit shape for immediate action. In short, the practicality of the thing is too obvious to call for any further elaboration!

In conclusion, here are a few facts about maps. The most accurate map of Porter is to be found in the "Kezar Falls Quadrangle" (Edition of 1911, reprinted in 1947) where **culture**, **relief** and **water** are correctly delineated. Old maps might be interesting to look at, but utterly fail as **guides**! With a modern topographic map and a native "old-timer", the town of Porter becomes an open book; full of human interest, beauty and irresistible charm!

Until trails become available in Porter, let us make frequent use of the already existing highways and byways; not neglecting the intriguingly fascinating lure of the abandoned roads along which your venerable forebears traveled!

Every foot of ground we tread has a story to tell — some true, others fictitious; all conducive to either tears or laughter. Several such anecdotes have already appeared on these pages; more will follow. No person is exempt from incidents, both humorous and tragic; hence they are intrinsic factors in everybody's life.

Most people are interested in the ponds and brooks of Porter; the former on account of their ideal locations for summer camps; the latter because of their trout. Both pond and streams, however, are equally admired by the enthusiastic angler. Seven ponds have al-

ready been mentioned, but there are several others, both small and large. Trafton Pond and Stanley Pond are outstanding; the latter known throughout the nation because of its girls' camp, "Camp Hiawatha," situated on its sandy shore. The camp has been in existence for 37 years and during that time has enjoyed the highest reputation.

Besides campers and fishermen, we have a third class of enthusiasts; namely, naturalists. This latter "clan" is more exclusive, yet, it contributes yearly to the well-being of the human race. We have already touched upon the subjects dealing with minerals and the animal kingdom, but have said little about plants, especially rare plants. Ginseng (*Panax quinquefolium*) is a rare plant in Porter. The only place where it has been reported to occur is on the south shore of Hubbard Pond. The root of this plant possesses aromatic and stimulant properties and is valued, especially in China, as a medicine. Pipsissewa (*Chimaphilla corymbosa*) is an evergreen herb with astringent leaves that is used as a tonic and diuretic. The American Indian had great faith in its curative property. The plant grows amongst the trees in several places. The Sundew, an insectivorous plant of the genus *Drosera*, is a very interesting plant. Insects are caught by the viscid secretions that exude from the tips of the hairs of the leaves. The present writer has found it growing at only one place in Porter — above a spring close to the highway (No. 160) near the Porter-Brownfield boundary. The Pitcher Plant or Huntsman's Cup, of several species, has been found in the bog at the source of the West Branch of Ten Mile River. The only other place the writer has seen it is in the bog surrounding Spruce Pond in the town of Parsonsfield.

The Hop (*Humulus lupulus*), a perennial climbing herb, was found growing beside a cellar in the northernmost section of the town prior to the forest fire of 1947. This, together with many other species of herbs, was extensively cultivated a century ago. When are the "herb gardens" of Porter coming back?

Again we have the pleasure of mentioning stone fences. They are almost indestructible—not so the stump fence and the rail fence; they vanished long ago. If all the stone fences in Porter could be laid end to end the structure would extend across the State of Maine!



One of the widest and longest stone fences in the state is to be found in the town of Porter. It is six feet wide and crosses the ridge east of Pine Hill. What human strength and perseverance this huge stone fence represents! No greater tribute to the builders of this fence could be made than Isabel McArthur's tribute: "The Old Stone Fence of Maine":

"Shall I pay a tribute here at home,  
To the Old Steone Fence of Maine?  
It was here when you were born,  
And here it will remain,  
Stone monuments, to grand old sires,  
Who, with a good right arm,  
Solved problems little known to you,  
E're their "clearing," was your farm.

When you see an Old Stone Fence,  
Weed grown and black with age,  
Let your mind's eye travel backward  
And read its written page.  
And, as Moses left us words in stone,  
That live with us today,  
Almost, with reverence, let us read  
What these Stone Fences say.

They tell of those who "blazed the trail,"  
We are walking in today;  
Those who truly "bore the burdens  
In the heat of the day,"  
For every stone was laid by hand,  
First taken from the soil  
Where giant trees were cut and felled,  
Bare handed -- honest toil.

The Stone Fence marked the boundary line  
Whereby a home was known;  
Gave them dignity as masters

Of that spot, they called their own.  
The Stone Fence, guarded church and school  
And the spots more sacred far,  
The silent spots, in memory kept  
For those who've "crossed the bar."

Then, treasure this inheritance,  
Handed down from sire to son,  
Not for its worth, to you, today,  
But for when, and why, begun,  
For with it comes a heritage  
Of manly brawn and brain,  
That is yours today, from the builders  
Of the Old Stone Fence of Maine."

The numerous stone-lined wells found throughout the countryside are entitled to a similar tribute — I urge it upon the reader to read Samuel Woodworth's immortal poem, "The Bucket." Let no one charge the person with unjustified sentimentality who is lost in meditation before one of these cherished objects of yesteryear!

That those who built these walls were men of fortitude, is evidenced by the following incident — the excerpt is taken from the Oxford County Record of Sept. 20, 1884:

"Mr. Abner MacDonald of Porter -- a man in his 76th year, was at work a few days ago stoning a well for a neighbor. The well was twenty feet deep; he had got the stone placed up about four feet. There were two men on the ground at the top, lowering the stone down to him as he wanted to use them with a "tackle-fall" in a plank box about three feet square, mounted with heavy irons. The box had just been let down; he took the rock out, and they drew the box up, and, as he thought, landed it above. One of the men let go of the rope to adjust the plank, thinking the other one would hold it securely; but he let go at the same time, and when he saw the box going he was so startled he did not have the presence of mind enough to grasp the rope and stop it. The man in the well was placing the stone, when he heard a scream and the noise of the box coming down. He raised his head just in time to re-



ceive the blow on his forehead, tearing off a piece of skin from his face. He seemed dazed for a few minutes, but managed to get out of the well. After bleeding profusely from the nose for a while, he was all right, except for bruises and a stiff neck. Had he failed to raise his head the instant he did, he would have received the full blow of the box on top of his head and instantly killed."

Abner MacDonald (1808-1898) -- the man who so narrowly escaped from death, was born in Standish; married in Porter (1828) to Naomi Durgin of Hiram by Elder James Fly. They had 10 children. On your way to and from Porterfield you pass by the caved-in cellar and "open" well of what once formed the homestead of Abner and Naomi MacDonald and their ten children!

Thus our "walks and talks" could be continued indefinitely. Every place our eyes rest upon is apt to elicit some nostalgic occurrence. "O, call back yesterday, bid time return!"

## XIV

### THE CHURCH

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

--Mathew 5:16

Dr. Charles Mayo of the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, wrote a few years ago that "Christian healing has passed beyond the stage of experiment, and its value cannot be questioned. Spiritual healing is no longer the hope of a few, but the belief and practice of a large and rapidly increasing number of persons."

In view of the foregoing facts, the Church is the greatest institution of healing; a **preparatory school** qualifying one for a higher existence. "There is really no insurmountable barrier save your own inherent weakness of purpose," says Ralph Waldo Emerson.

#### Riverside Methodist Church

The first Methodist services held in Porter were in 1833, when a class was formed by Rev. David Copeland and Rev. George D. Strout of the Baldwin Circuit. Porter became a separate charge in 1839, with Rev. Freeman Yates as the pastor. Original members were John Moulton and wife Jane, Oliver Stacy and wife Apphia, Lydia Stacy, Mary A. Stanley, Jacob French and wife Sally, Thomas E. Fox, John Durgin and wife Julia, Charles Wadsworth.

A parsonage was erected in 1843-1844; this was the Herbert Ridlon farm between the Spectacle Ponds. In 1866, it was sold and the house where Clarence Sawyer now lives was purchased. Later, the house where Paul Stacy lives was used as a parsonage until 1911, when the present one was built.



A controversy among the various local denominations about 1845, reduced the Methodist membership to such an extent that no regular services were held from 1850 to 1866. At the 1866 conference, Rev. Kinsman Atkinson was appointed to Porter. He remained for 3 years, and during this period many new members were added.

Rev. John Mitchell, who was the pastor from 1871 to 1874, increased the membership to 117; about 40 persons uniting with this church during that time. The present membership is 219.

The present church building was erected in 1883, and the dedication was held on Nov. 26, 1884. Improvements have been made from time to time. In 1925, the auditorium was entirely redecorated and Memorial windows were installed.

Among the many faithful workers in this church, mention should be made of Mrs. Mary D. Garner who was President of the Ladies' Society for more than 25 years. Herman J. Fox served as class leader for 21 years. William T. Norton was choir leader and treasurer of both church and Sunday School for many years. Sidney B. Stanley was Superintendent of the Sunday School for over 45 years, Florence Garner Norton was the church organist for many years until about 1935, and since that time Mrs. Bernice Huber has been the organist. Mrs. Flora Ridlon Carpenter has been the choir director for about 20 years.

The Centennial Celebration was fittingly observed in 1933, under the direction of the following committee: Rev. Arthur A. Gallagher, Sidney B. Stanley, Mrs. Ina Emery, Mrs. Florence G. Norton, Mrs. Lida Elliott and Myron H. Ridlon.

During the pastorate of Rev. Chester F. Butterfield, in 1938, a new memorial pipe organ was installed and dedicated.

The oldest member of the church is Mrs. Jennie Spring who joined in 1874.

The present pastor is Rev. H. O. Megert.

An outline of the church activities (1833-1933), in greater detail, will be found in Mrs. Ina Stanley Emery's "Centennial Anniversary Program and Historical Sketch" — pub. in 1933.

### Porter Village Union Church

The Union Church of Porter was built in 1909 and dedicated in

1912. The Union Church Society was incorporated on Dec. 18, 1909, and a lot was purchased from Mrs. Matilda Bowden for \$25.00. Through the efforts of Harry Pratt, the Advent Chapel at East Freedom, N. H., was given to the Union Church Society. Funds and labor were solicited from the people in Porter and surrounding communities to take the building down, move to the present lot and rebuild. Since sufficient funds were not available to complete the work, a number of ladies in the village began contributing toward the project by serving baked-bean suppers. These were held in the homes of the community, and box-suppers in the schoolhouse. The first supper was served on Oct. 11, 1911, at the home of Mrs. Lena Giles.

In October, 1913, a number of women met and decided to organize a church club to be called "The Union Workers." Nine women met, and on this occasion by-laws were drawn up and officers elected — these were: President, Mrs. Minnie Trueworthy; Vice President, Mrs. Carrie Wentworth, Secretary, Mrs. Margaret Blazo; Treasurer, Mrs. Mary Day; Chaplain, Mrs. Lena Giles. Other charter members were Mrs. Ada Blazo, Mrs. Susan Sawyer, Mrs. Jane Libby and Mrs. Lestina Garland. Through the efforts of these ladies the debts were paid and unfinished business completed.

On May 22, 1914, three pews, No. 11, 19, 29, and a pulpit set were purchased; curtains for the windows, and a furnace installed. Later, five stained glass windows were bought.

For a number of years, this church played an active part in the life of the village. Although there was never any settled pastor, ministers from nearby communities held services here, as Rev. Cymbrid Hughes of the Kezar Falls Methodist Church, and Elder William Cotton of Waterboro.

After a period of time, the congregation had diminished to such an extent that the church could no longer function. Fortunately, the Union Workers have kept the little church in good repair, and in 1953 had charge of completely refinishing the church's interior.

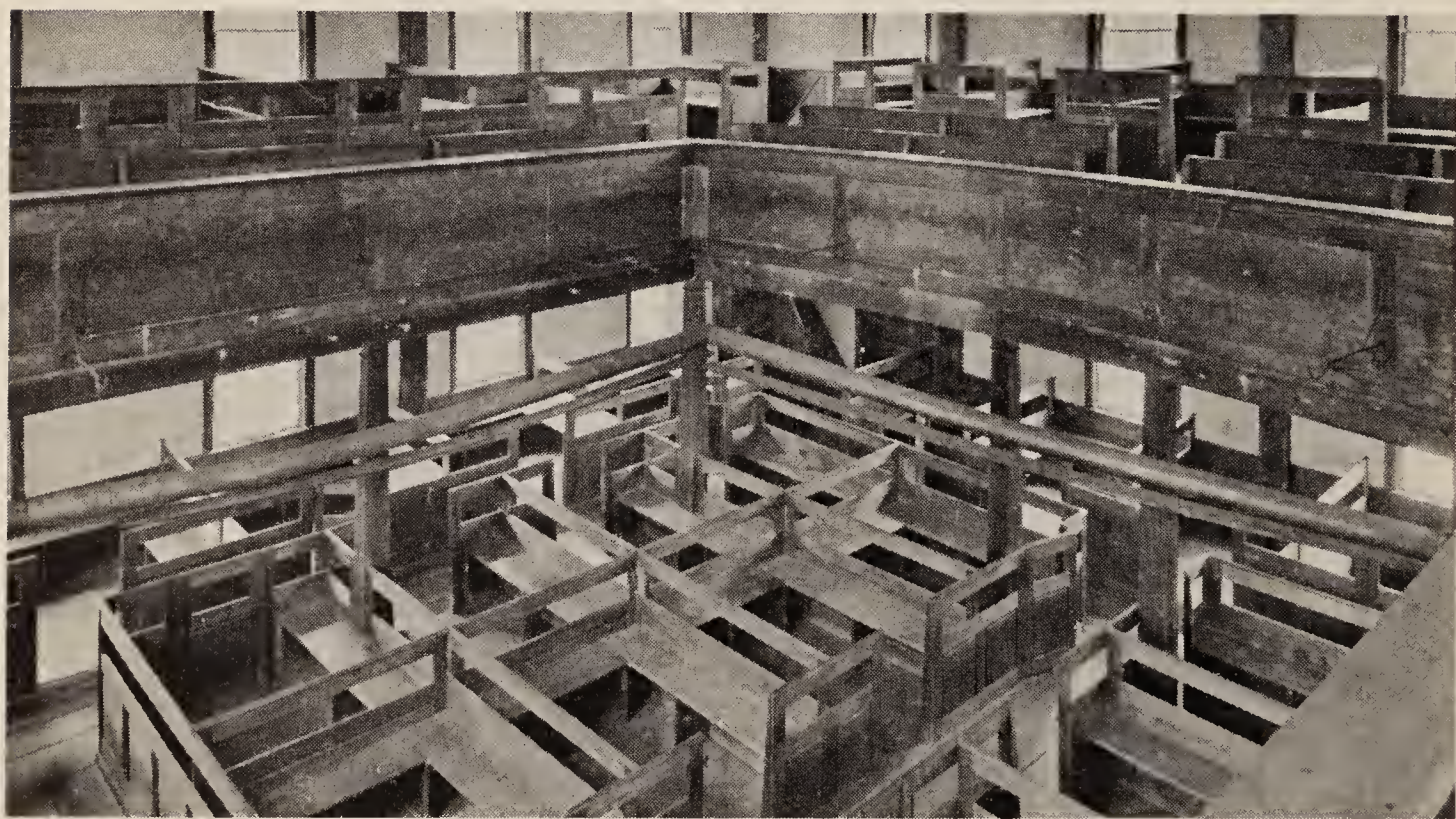
Mrs. Samuel Blazo was one of the most active workers in this church and was a Sunday School teacher for 12 years.

The first wedding to be held in this church was on May 1, 1954, when Miss Joanne C. MacDonald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert





Porter Old Meeting House—its construction began in 1819; completed in 1827.  
Photo made in 1956 by O. B. Denison, Jr.



Porter Old Meeting House (Interior).



E. MacDonald, Sr., became the bride of Lawrence E. Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy E. Cook of Portland. The minister who performed the marriage ceremony was Rev. Henry O. Megert, pastor of the Riverside Methodist Church at Kezar Falls.

### Pentecostal Church

The first services were held in Norton Hall, in November, 1935, by Misses Virginia Avery and Dagmar Lindberg. The following June, a gospel tent was put up. In 1937, plans were made to erect a chapel and organize a permanent Pentecostal Church in the town. A lot on Mountainview Avenue was purchased, and the building erected by interested members. It was dedicated on Sunday, May 29, 1938, and an ordination service was held the following day with visiting ministers and delegates from neighboring States attending. Services are held on Sunday at 3 P. M. and 7:30 P. M. Work on the new church, on Federal Road, in the town of Parsonsfield, was begun in 1953, completed in 1955. A beautiful and commodious house of worship. It is called "Kezar Falls Assembly of God."

### The Old Porter Meeting House (continued)

#### 125th Anniversary and Rededication

Sunday, September 6, 1953

"This is none other than the house of God. Christ is the door, and love is the only key. May you enter in the spirit of reverence, worship in the spirit of humility, share in the fellowship of love, and leave with the desire to serve."

#### Morning Service

Organ Prelude ELWIN WATSON, Cleveland, Ohio

Call to Worship and Invocation REV. HENRY O. MEGERT

Hymn "All Hail the Power"

Responsive Service of Rededication

**Minister:** To the glory of God our Father; to the honor of Jesus Christ our Savior; to the praise of the Holy Spirit our guide;

**People:** We rededicate this Church.



**Minister:** To the everlasting remembrance of those of the household of faith who worshipped here, who have entered into thy presence and peace;

**People:** We, the people of this congregation, rededicate to their memory this place of worship, praying as their good works remain upon the earth, may we follow them, with the blessed hope of a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, in the name of our master. Amen.

Quartette "Bless This House" Brahe

Dedicatory Prayer REV. HARRY COTTON

Solo "How Beautiful Upon the Mountains"  
MRS. EDWIN CHAPMAN Harker

Offertory

Hymn "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

Scripture Lesson

Sermon "God's Great Service Station"  
REV. CURTIS L. STANLEY, Fitchburg, Mass.

Hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers"

Benediction

Organ Postlude

Unveiling and Presentation of Plaque, By Mrs. Ina N. Emery,  
President, Parsonsfield-Porter Historical Society

### Afternoon Service

Organ Prelude

Old-fashioned Hymn Sing

Prayer

Solo Musical Saw MR. R. V. SMITH

History of Porter Old Meeting House,  
read by Mrs. Raymond Garland

Scripture Lesson

Solo Musical Saw MR. R. V. SMITH

Offertory

Hymn

Sermon "The Church Militant and Triumphant"  
REV. EDWIN P. CHAPMAN, Dayville, Conn.

Hymn "God Be With Us"

Benediction

Organ Postlude

### Quartette

Orion R. Stanley  
Gordon West

Mrs. Dorothy Chellis  
Mrs. Ina Emery

### Ushers

Chairman: Harry A. Merrifield  
Preston J. Stanley  
John Greenan  
Allen M. Chellis

### Committee in Charge of Arrangements

Mrs. Muriel Weeks  
Mrs. Margaret Tucker

Rev. Henry O. Megert  
George French

**VISITORS:** We welcome you to our Services of Worship. Please make yourself known to us and take time to sign the Guest Book. We would like a record of your visit with us.

Moved into a reverential repose by the rededication ceremonies we feel inclined to tarry here awhile. Our eyes first scan the faces of those who worshipped in this meeting house over a century ago — these men and women, in solemn silence, sit before us — they were the pillars of the Church: Rev. John Stanley (1830-1911), Deacon Jonas Spring (1829-1911), Deacon Samuel Boothby (1826-1918), Rev. Thomas Strout ( ), Mrs. Sarah Spring (1833-1896), Martha Stanley (1832-1913). We finally find ourselves gazing into space — our minds are far, far away; in that dim and distant past, when this meeting house underwent its first dedication in 1820. Through the eyes of an old timer, we meet some interesting persons intimately associated with the building of the house and its maintenance. The work of finishing and completing was superintended by William Parker, who was assisted by his brother, Caleb, as a "second" hand. The workmanship displayed in the interior finish is sufficient evidence that each was master of his trade. In the earlier days of the meeting house, a "sounding board" — the appropriate



companion-piece to the high pulpit was suspended overhead, that is, fastened to the ceiling above the pulpit by a slender metal rod, but it was removed at least a decade prior to the removal of the pulpit in 1881.

There was no means whatever provided for heating the meeting house during the first few years of its existence, but women and children usually carried foot-stoves — small metal boxes that stood on wooden legs and held hot charcoal. A few years later, however, a chimney was built and a stove installed.

The tithing man was an important person in the good old days — he was a town officer whose duty it was to keep order within the town. His authority was far-reaching — inside our meeting house, for example, his business was to correct unruly and noisy boys. He carried a long stick with a knob at one end and a dangling fox-tail at the other. Tapping the boys on the head with the knobby end would bring about an immediate obedience, whereas tickling the face of the sleeping church attendants with the fox-tail had a somewhat similar quieting effect!

Concerning church bells and music our informant has this to say: "Never yet has the silence for a quiet Sabbath morning been broken by the deep reverberating tones of a church bell here, for its originators did not believe it was necessary for Christians to be notified when it was time to assemble for divine service, even if their financial condition had been such that they could have availed themselves of this brazen herald. Never yet have these sacred walls echoed to the melodeous vibrations of an organ's peal, for the old time custom of congregational singing was, and always has been, strictly adhered to!"

### Meeting House Pew Deed

The following document is a true copy of the original — words in italics are used here to represent the original handwriting.

### Know all Men by these Presents

THAT *We John Moulton and John Roberts and David Colcord a Committee to build a Meetinghouse in the town of Porter.*  
in consideration of the sum of *fifty dollars.*

paid by *Oliver Stacy of said Porter, State of Maine. Yeoman,*  
 the receipt whereof *We* do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give,  
 grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said *Oliver Stacy to his*  
*heirs and assigns forever a certain pew in the aforesaid Meetinghouse*  
*and numbered two on the lower story in said house, reserving to the town*  
*of Porter the right to hold public town meetings in said town forever.*

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, the aforegranted and bargained  
 premises, with all the privileges and appurtenances thereof, to the  
 said *Oliver Stacy, his*

*heirs and assigns, to his & their use and behoof forever. . . . And*  
*We* do covenant with the said *Oliver Stacy in the capacity aforesaid to*  
*his* heirs and assigns, that *we* are lawfully seized in fee of the  
 premises; that they are free from all incumbrances; that *We* have  
 good right to sell and convey the same to the said *Oliver Stacy, ex-*  
*cept the incumbrances aforesaid,* to hold as aforesaid.

And that *We* will warrant and defend the same to the said  
*Oliver Stacy his*

*heirs and assigns forever, against the lawful claims and demands of*  
*all persons.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *We* the said *Moulton, Roberts and Col-*  
*cord* have hereunto set *our* hands and seals this *twentieth* day of *Jan.*  
 in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty *five.*

Signed, sealed and delivered

*John Moulton*

in presence of

*David Colcord*

*George Stacy*

*John Roberts*

*Benjamin French*

The 10th annual worship service at the Porter Old Meeting House  
 was observed on Labor Day Sunday (1956) by the Parsonsfield-  
 Porter Historical Society. About 150 were present, representing 21  
 towns and 5 states. The Society's regular speaker, Rev. Curtis  
 L. Stanley of Fitchburg, Mass., was unable to attend because of ill-  
 ness. His place was occupied by Rev. Edwin Chapman of Dayville,  
 Conn.; a native son of Porter. He was assisted by the Rev. Henry  
 O. Megert of the Riverside Methodist Church. Elder Harry Cotton  
 of Limington gave the prayer.

Mr. Lewis Thompson of East Parsonsfield — 91 years of age, sang  
 a solo. Mrs. Flora Carpenter was organist; special music by the



quartette, Mrs. Ina Emery, Mrs. Iva Cutting, Gordon West and Orion Stanley.

The final musical number, "Blessed Assurance," was played on a musical saw by R. Ven Smith. His rendition of this beautiful hymn was a masterly performance, destined to remain a cherished memory of this solemn and historic occasion.

### The Advent Christian Church of Porter

Few places in the town of Porter have had a more colorful history than the Advent Christian Church. We are indebted to the following persons for this historic sketch which involved painstaking research: George W. French, Amanda Fox, Lewis Thompson.

"The Advent Christian Church of our town have as their church home one of the oldest buildings in the town of Porter. This was a school house which, according to the records of school district No. 6, was built by Jacob French during the months between September the twenty-seventh of 1828 and the first of December 1828. He agreed to build the school house for one hundred and thirty seven dollars. The school house was to stand on the hill on Daniel Towle's farm. The town took a lease on the land, on which the school house was placed, of Daniel Towle. Enoch Cousins, Jacob French and Edward Gibbs were appointed committee for that year to look out for maintenance of a school. It is interesting to note that although this school was inspected December 1st, 1828, school commenced January 1st, 1829, that it was not accepted as school building until voted to do so in meeting October 3d, 1829; at which time it was duly accepted by vote of inhabitants of said town. The first teacher recorded was Sally Bennet of the year 1830. She was paid \$8.00 for eight weeks, boarded at Edward Gibbs for \$7.92 and school began December the thirteenth of that year.

In 1832 Sally Molten was the teacher of this school. Other teachers were John Libby, Susan Weeks, Exura Gibbs, Mary Emery, Mary Towle, Mary Tibbets, and some of the Agents sworn by Justice of Peace, Ebenezer Blazo, were Joshua Weeks and Thomas Fox. Previous to this a committee of three were appointed instead to conduct business of keeping this school. This school record is from 1827 to 1841.

Now if we turn to records of the 4th district we will find that a meeting of the inhabitants of said town took place at Kezar Falls meeting house on April 16, 1842, at which time it was voted to buy school house located in said school district on Daniel Towle's farm for twenty dollars. Voted that school house be moved April 16, 1842 and placed somewhere between Edward Gibbs and the corner of the road leading to E. Cousins according to which the committee think best.

This building was used as a school until 1889, at which time a new building was built and winter school this year in said building. During the time this was a school building in the 4th district, the first teacher recorded was Susan Woodbery in 1845. She was paid \$10.00 for teaching ten weeks school, and Henry Gibbs was paid \$6.60 for her board during this period. Some of the following teachers were C. H. Randall, J. O. Godfry, Clara Cousins, L. A. Poor, Silas McDaniel, Annie Stacy, Lizzie Stacy, Rose Chapman, Ina Edgecomb, A. H. Morten, Jordan Stacy, F. A. Fox, E. F. Gentleman, Blanch Fendersen and Jennie Colomy. We have a picture of this school when Rosella Chapman was teacher. Some of the scholars at that time were Ralph Merifield, Sherman Stanley, Leslie Mason, Addison Ridlon, Clarence Emery, Bernie Ridlon, Myrtle Stacy, Grace Stanley, Flora Lord, Ethel Stacy, Bertha Gilpatrick, Susie Weeks, Nelson Stacy, Vera Ridlon, Minnie Danforth, Lester Weeks, Sidney Stanley, Oliver Stanley, Fred Towle, Bert Smith, Orman Stanley, Arthur Smith, Byron Lord, Wert Ridlon, Ed. Weeks, F. Clemons, Elmer Emery, Charles Hubbard, Florence French, Lizzie Ridlon, Josie Mason, John Clemons, and Gertie Sawyer Stacy.

Miss Chapman taught summer school in the year 1884 and 1887. However, in Town Report of 1884, Rosella Chapman was listed as teacher and some of the above pupils were listed as having a perfect attendance. So much for this building as a school.

On October 26, 1889, the following people appeared and applied to Justice of Peace, Preston Stanley, for organization of Parish Society in this town. They were Frank Lord and wife Eliza, William and Hannah Ellingworth, Ruth and Moses Norton. This was the legal aspect of organization of our Advent Church. The above men-



tioned persons were to meet with the Justice of the Peace, Preston Stanley, on Nov. 2, 1889, in the 4th school district school house.

According to the Town Register of 1907, the Advent Church was organized May 2, 1887 by Frank Lord and Moses Norton. The school house was bought by Parish Society in December 1889 and remodeled into a church. According to Lewis Thompson — 91 years in 1956 — formerly of Porter, now of East Parsonsfield, he is the only living charter member of this church. He recalls other charter members, among whom were Bessie Stanley, Moses Norton and wife, Billy Ellingworth and wife, George Mason, etc. He further states that the Society took over this school house; seats were removed; church remodeled; Dedication Service was held, and the "Jubilee Harp Hymnal" was used.

According to Lewis Thompson's reminiscences, services previous to 1889 were held in Moses Stacy's Hall — the building now used as a dwelling house near the high school. Mr. Thompson states that he was converted at the age of 18, in 1883, in the Grange Hall, at a service conducted there by a Salvation Army meeting — Brother Clark being the speaker on this particular occasion. Mr. Thompson soon became a member of the Advent Church. Incidentally, there were stairs on the outside of Moses Stacy's Hall that led to the second story.

Bert Emerson was pastor at the Advent Church at the time of his conversion. Some of the other pastors of the Advent Church in its early history include Jared Whitman of Old Orchard, Jesse Gay of Saco, R. F. Emerson of East Rochester, A. R. Stevens of South Windham, A. B. Blanchard of Westbrook, W. M. Glidden of South Effingham, N. H. According to the Town Register of Porter, Mr. Stevens was preacher here in 1907. The Society had 14 members at this time.

Lewis Thompson makes special mention of one early pastor; namely, John McLucas of Bridgton, Maine. A forceful speaker whose sermons stirred the congregation everywhere. Rev. Sam Thurlow's preaching is also said to have been inspiring — churches were filled to capacity and the only way to get into the buildings was through the windows! The pastors knew the contents of the Bible in those days — one such speaker was John Holman. He

could give the exact place in the Bible where any particular verse was concerned. Moreover, the Church was very active half a century ago.

Pastors of the Advent Church since 1928:

Rev. Bert Shorey, 1928-1937.

Rev. Henry Simonds, 1938-1940.

Rev. Martin Rasmussen, 1940-1942.

Rev. Eleon Shuman, 1942-1945.

Rev. Walter Bezanson, 1946-1949.

Rev. Samuel Sanders, 1949-1953.

Rev. Irvin Verrill, 1953-

Church Incorporated in 1938; Parsonage purchased in 1938.



## XV

### FIRST GREAT PAGEANT AND CELEBRATION

In his "Preface" to the July 4th Souvenir Album, Rev. Cymbrid Hughes writes:

"In issuing this souvenir of our first great celebration we desire to place on record our deep appreciation of the splendid response of all sections of the community to our appeal for co-operative effort. The celebration was one grand success and reflects the highest credit upon all who took part in it. It entailed an expenditure of much time and toil and trouble, and the result was acclaimed by a unanimous chorus of praise and commendation. We have been fortunate in receiving a copy of a letter written by an unprejudiced eye witness of the event to his parents in England, describing the day's proceedings in the dialect of an unlettered agricultural laborer. Our illiterate friend had no idea when he wrote this letter that it would appear in this book, so we make no apologies for presenting it to you in its raw, unvarnished state."

The Parsonage  
Kezar Falls, Maine

Cymbrid Hughes  
Aug. 1, 1913

#### Cornelius Cornshock's Letter to the Owd Foaks at Oam

"Dear Dad an' Mam:

The great Fourth of July that I'd heerd so much talk about has comed an gone an nobody's a penny the worse. I niver said nowt to you afore 'cause I didn't want to scare you like, but now that it's all ower I can tell you I wor a bit skeered. I dunno whether the

fellers wor cramming me or not but they telled me that iverbody did as they liked on the night afore the Fourth an nobody dare say a word. One year they took a great big farmer's haywagon an hauled it on top o' the roof of anuther feller's barn harf a mile away. My warnt he mad, but it made no difference. Some o' the tricks they played were enuff to make a pig laff, that is if the trick wor not on the pig. So I didn't know but what they might be playin me up a bit, seein I wor just ower from the owd Country. I thowt that mebbe they might be takin the house away durin the night, for they are only made of wood you know an laid on a foundation, but nowt o' the sort 'appened an I slept like a sawmill all night. Leastways that's what Betsey Jane said it sounded like. In a regular way nobody is allowed to sleep that night, for all the bells i' the place are kept a ringin an a clangin all night, but this year the Methodist Praicher axed the fellers in a nice civil sort of a way not to ring the church bell 'cause there wor sumbody sick not far off an they acted real 'andsome and gentlemanly an they didn't ring none o' the bells at all. Now I reckon that wor fine, it showed that under all their sport an hoss play there wor good feelings. I did get a bit of a scare tho. Just as it wor getting dark I saw the Fire Brigade runnin out wi' the watter pipes connecting 'em up to the main an I wondered wheer the fire wor. I niver heerd no bells ringin and I cuddent see no fire, so I ran up to see wheer it wor, but I wor fair took in, 'cause they wor only sprinklin the streets and settlin the dust ready for mornin. Well I mun 'urry up an tell you about the Fourth. I wor up bright an early that mornin an out in the streets to see the decorations, an my, warnt they fine. Reminded me o' the streets o' London when King Ned wor crowned. Flags an streamers an buntin, red, white an blue, stars and stripes iverywheers. Laws, I wor fair dazzled. Of course you don't know the folks here 'cept as I've told you about 'em, but G. W. Towle had a gran, bran new American flag hung out, an Dr. Chellis' house looked splendiferous. The Malvern hotel wor a staggerer, an at night it wor lit up wi' different colored electric lights, a'most like our great Crystal Palace. Dr. McDaniel you remember him, Silas, iverybody calls him here, he had decorated his home in fine shaps. Then there wor Everett Mason and Eddie Erickson's, Boston's an Cowan's an Chapman's at the corner, Florence





A group of several members of the Maine House of Representatives in the 1920s. From the Porter-Parsonsfield area are Ormond Stanley, *seated in rear*; Frank Stearns, *on left of seated row of five*, and J. Merrill Lord, *on right of same row*.



Perkins an Orman Stanley agen Town Hall an oh, lots of others that I can't remember. I reckon iverybody must ha' laid therselves out to paint the town red, white an blue. I never seed anythin to beat it in my life. It wor like walkin thro Fairyland. I heerd sumbody say that there wor sumwheers about twenty thousand yards o' stuff out altogetther, to say nothin about the flags. But the Parade, Padjant, I think I heerd 'em call it, that capt all. I can't pretend to describe that. Let me just scratch my head a bit. First of all, there wor the Marshal, Dr. Chellis, a fine figure of a man on a noble black hoss wi' brass mountings. He rode his hoss like that gran Crusader on the pictur in our front parlor at oam. Then there wor a platoon o' police, followed by our own Brass Band an I can tell you that we are rare an proud to call it "our own," too. Why they had been practicin only about a month an some o' them hadn't blowed a horn for fifteen years, as green as grass, an there they wor a steppin it out at the head o' the procession in their new white uniforms lookin so nice an cool an turning out such fine music, why it made me wish I wor a musishiner. The Band Master wor Press Warren an he owt to be a prowd man for iverybody said we cuddent have had any better music from any band in the State o' Maine, an they niver charged a cent. They bowt their music an instruments an uniforms an played all day in the broilin hot sun for love. That's the sort o' men we have here. The Goddess of Liberty rode in the parade in a Motor Car owned and drove by Mester W. A. Garner. This wor Mrs. Tuttle of Tremlin, N. J., an she made a perfect pictur o' the statue, as straight as an arrer, dignified in pose and dressed in character. She just did it fine. Then there came a Company of Rough Riders under Captain Moses Chapman, I heerd one man say he wor tickled to death to see 'em. I couldn't see anybody ticklin him, so I reckon he meant it pleased him awfully. Well, iverybody wor pleased an Moses looked well at the head of his men. Then there wor a Drum an Fife Band an my stars, didn't they just make my feet itch. I cuddent keep 'em still. I just had to step out after 'em. Marshel music allus did affect me like that an them fellers knew their job. Next wor the Decorated Carriages, an oh laws, what shall I say? It wor like a Royal procession in the Arabian Nights. Pythian Sisterhood presented a Pythian Lodge Room in miniature



an the Knights of Pythias had a strikin tabblo. There sat a noble massive looking man in Kingly robes with attendants. An executioner's block wore placed afore him an the headsman stood beside it wi' gleamin axe. A captive wore brought out an his head placed on the block. The headsman lifted the glitterin axe an I stood spellbound with 'orrer. Just at that critical moment another man dashed on the scene an pulled the doomed man away from the I don't remember how they come but the one as got first prize wore a cute little turnout drawn by a tiny Shetland Pony an attended by outriders an postillion in fancy costume. It represented the Kezar Falls Library "small but growing," and the children who wore in charge won smiles of admiration all along the route. The second prize wore won by the Young Women's Thursday Club and the Ladies Magazine Reading Club combined. This flote wore magnificently got up in White, Blue an Gold an the ladies dresses to match. It sartainly wore a sight to see. The prize for the 'andsomest Dressed Lady went to Miss Ina Stanley who wore dressed in the National Colors, an the prize for the most 'orrible Lookin Costume wore given to George Quint o' South Hiram, who surely deserved it. Myron H. Ridlon won the prize for the Most Strikin Flote, with the representation of a Yatt bearing his name on the sail. But you know there warnt half enuff prizes. They all owt to ha' had one an I wuddent ha' been a judge for anythin. The committee cuddent ha' made a better selection o' judges. They wore Mrs. Jameson, o' Cornish, The Hon. Merrill Lord Esq. o' Parsonsfield an the Rev. H. A. Peare o' Conway Center an they showed good judgment in their awards. There wore a flote from South Hiram that looked for all the world like a Gipsy Tribe, ragged an disheveled, gay misery and flashily dressed poverty. The occupants wore riotously merry an as happy as that theer beggar who hadn't a shirt to his back. It wore a strikinly picturesque group. There wore one flote that reminded me o' the tales I'd heerd o' the wild red men o' North America a band o' Red Indians in the midst of Forest Glades, around a camp fire. Dressed in war paint an feathers, a typical tribe o' Red Men. I expected every minute to hear the wild whoop an feel me scalp bein lifted, but I found it represented the **Improved Order** o' Red Men. The block an then pleaded wi' outstretched arms afore the King that he

might take his place. The other refused to give way an there we saw two men beggin to be allowed to die in each others stead. The King stepped down from his throne an set both men at liberty. The scene wor true to life an they told me after that it wor something about two fellers called Damon an Pythias who lived an did this 2000 years ago. Anyway, that chap had a narrow squeak. The Sunday School Children made a gran show. Their carriage wor just one glorious mass o' decoration. Even the hosses wor transformed into Oriental chargers by their gorgeous trappings. The girls o' the Junior Department or Junior League wor sittin in rows one above the other a'most on a pinnacle o' red, white an blue. They looked beautiful in their dresses o' white, wi' fancy paper sun hats, an the escort o' boys in costume wor just the finishin touch. The Hotel Malvern made a good show in the parade an Mr. Frank Holmes auto wor just a dream o' beauty, an I wor real pleased to see Uncle Rastus and Aunt Dinah lookin so well in their new buggy, altho my private opinion is that Aunt Dinah is a terrible flirt. There wor one flote that made me feel real oamsick, a cluster o' Daisies, English Daisies, a livin glowin mass o' daisies, the carriage wor decorated in the colors of the daisy. The wheels wor representin daisies, the dresses wor paper daisies, the wearers wor dainty daisies. It wor the Daisy Clu. o' the M. E. Sunday School. There wor another flote that reminded me that it wor near dinner time an I had breakfast early. It wor a representation of Frank E. Stearns' business at both ends. The raw material and the finished article. Two magnificent specimens o' young beef in harness, drawin in a 'andsome wagon splendid specimens of Future American Citizens. One carriage an pair o' hosses decorated wi' white wi' a bevy of ladies all dressed in white an white bows all ower the whole consarn, drew the involuntary question, "What are these arrayed in white?" An the answer wor "The Woman's Christian Temperance Union." The Ladies Aid Society o' the M. E. Church rode in a blue an white equipage drove by Uncle Sam hisself, an all their decorations wor o' the same color. I dunno what else there wor, for my poor brain wor fair mazed wi' the strange sites I had seen. Why there must ha' been s mint o' money spent on the parade alone, an Oh dear, the time it must ha' taken to get it done so well. I heerd lots o' people say that the



cuddent ha' seen anythin better even in the large cities, an I reckon they are not far wrong either. The whole procession passed for review an judgin afore a Reviewing Stand which had been built on purpose by John Chapman, one of the Selectmen, that wor anuther chap who worked for nowt. After the prizes had been given out there wor some speechifyin, etc. There wor quite a heap o' ministers on the platform with Dr. McDaniel, Miss Ellen Libby an the Goddess of Liberty. I heerd Mester Hughes hollerin for the Representatives to the Legislature an the Town Officials an School board to come forrard but they wor too bashful, I reckon, to face such a big crowd. Dr. Silas A. McDaniel read the Declaration of Independence an my, didn't his chest swell as he protested against the iniquitous oppression of dead King George. As his voice rang out in challenge an appeal. I wished that owd King George could ha' heerd it. I don't wonder that those early Americans threw off the British yoke, if they made it as stiff as that for 'em. Only a lunatic would ha' done the things he did, although it wor the best thing that could ha' happened to both nations. Miss Libby recited in stirrin manner, "Old Glory," which had a great reception, The Rev. H. A. Peare paid a 'andsome tribute to Kezar Falls Citizens for getting up such a fine program. I liked him. The Rev. Frank C. Potter of Cornish, delivered a fine speech on "The Flag of Peace," while the Christian Flag floted on the breeze, a large white flag with a red cross on a blue ground. I wish you could ha' heerd him. He fairly electrified that vast crowd an although there wor considerable talkin goin on when he started, there wor not a sound when he'd done. I could ha' listened to him for an hour. Then he introduced the Rev. John Dunstan o' North Conway, N. H., who said a few good things an then gave way to what he called the orator of the day, the Rev. C. Hughes. He didn't speak long, for one thing it wor near dinner time an another thing he seemed tired. I cuddent see why he should be, for iverybody knows that a minister's job is a soft snap anyway. As soon as he finished speakin Mester Potter jumped up again an called for three cheers for Mester Hughes an my didn't that crowd give it lip. I didn't cheer, I cuddent see what there wor to cheer for. He didn't seem to be doing nowt. I never seed him do a thing all day. He didn't even praich the following Sunday morning, but the

man who did take the service gave us a good sermon, let me tell you. It wor Rev. Lewis Swan of Cornish. After dinner there wor some sports, on the Fourth I mean, not the Sunday. Here are the names of the winners, you won't know any of them but I might as well give you the whole bag o' tricks:

Three Legged Race — Winners, Erwin Stanley and Clarence Sawyer.

Human Wheelbarrow Race — Winners, Harry Fox and Leon Stanley.

Sack Race — 1st Frost, 2nd Jewett.

100 Yards Dash — 1st Clarence Small, 2nd Brooks.

Ball Throwing Contest — Men, 1st Sweat, 2nd Collomy.

Ball Throwing Contest — Ladies, 1st Jessie Gilman, 2nd Sarah Weeks.

Broad Jump — 1st Clarence Small, 2nd Cecil Weeks.

High Jump — 1st Clarence Small, 2nd Roscoe Durgin.

Egg and Spoon Race — 1st Bernice Ridlon, 2nd Jessie Gilman.

Pillow Fight — 1st Archie Stanley, 2nd Geo. Day.

Fat Men's Race — Melvin Kennard.

25 Yards Dash — Ladies — 1st Miss Knox, 2nd Miss Gilman.

There wor one thing that pleased me, and that wor in the early afternoon, the fine fellow on the black hoss pranced on to the field leadin the Band an a lot o' soldiers from one o' the Forts, who had come ower to play our club at Base Ball, which is the great national game. As soon as they got on the "diamond," as they called it, Mes-ter Potter out with a big brown horn thing which he put to his mouth. I thowt it were some new fangled kind of trumpet an I listened for the tune, but he just talked through it an you wuddent believe how far his voice carried. He said some nice things about the soldiers bein the defenders o' the coast and all that and then called for three cheers fo 'em, an I did join in this time. Now I reckon that wor a real nice thing to do, to give the soldier boys a cheer. Then the Ball Game, that wore real sport. At any rate I think it wor, for there wor ower a thousand folks watchin it for nearly three hours. BaseBall is something like our old English Game of Rounders, only instead of having a nice rubber ball an hitting it with your hands, it's a hard ball an a feller throws it at you



as hard as ever he can, an you have got to hit it (if you can) with a bat. It's a great game, when you know how to play it, an the Kezar Falls Club can play the game in fine style. The Fort Williams team wore a hard lot to tackle for they stand at the top o' their League, an our team wor badly beaten, but it wore the first time this season on their own grounds, so that's noan so bad. It cost a pile o' money to get the Fort team here they said, an they wor worth it too, but our own team would not take a cent, seein the profits wor to go to the Parsonage debt, and the Directors gave the use of the grounds too, free, so I reckon they did well for the Church. A man called Frank Ridlon seemed to be the boss an he worked real hard an all. Ellwood Elliot wor the Umpire an what he said went. There wore several tents on the grounds sellin ices an drinks, etc., an the church ladies wor goin it for all they wor worth. There wor Mrs. Blanche Stanley, Mrs. Florence Fox, Mrs. Josie Ridlon, Mrs. Lizzie Stanley, Mrs. Elmer Ridlon wi' several others, all day long in the broilin sun servin out to the hot an thirsty foaks. An you take my tip if it warnt hot. It wor 25 degrees hotter than ever I knew it in the Owd Country. I wor like a boiled lobster, an poor Betsey Jane, I wor real sorry for her. But these foaks didn't seem to mind it so much, they kept handin out the ice cream an drinks, and they made about fifty dollars. I tell you the Methodist Minister here has got an active body of workers at his back an I believe he knows it too. There's been a tremendous lot o' work put into this here celebration by both church people and town's people alike, an pastor an people in this town are working together for the common good. I wish I could ha' got a list of all the foaks who worked out this great plan without a hitch anywheers. I think it owt to be i' the paper but then they would want a special edition to print that itself. I know one man who has been pretty busy an he keeps a grocery store under the Post Office here. Oh the folks I've seen goin into that store from early morn 'til late at night. Mester Hughes knew what he wor doin when he got him into harness. Why one mornin at 5 o'clock he wor five miles out in the country hustlin things around. Ellsworth Sawyer his name is, you make a note of it, dad, you'll hear of him again another year. You can't kill these men, they are made o' leather. I wor passin the

Parsonage on Monday night an heerd the Minister an Mester Sawyer on the veranda talkin an they wor actually plannin out next year's program, an by gum, this year's program, great as it has been, is simply "not in it." Somethin entirely differnt an on a grander scale. Whew, I'm glad I came to this country an that I have settled at Kezar Falls, for this town is sartainly what the Yankees call "a live wire." I forgot to tell you that at night there wor a display o' fire-works on a little island in the river, owned by Mester Allen Garner, who kindly loaned it for the occasion. Mester Sawyer had a hand in that too. There's a man here called Syd Stanley, he has a lot o' hosses an wagons, an they tell me that there wor quite a lot of his teams in use by the different organizations an he loaned 'em all free of charge. There wor lots of other fellows just the same. who put in a lot of time an hard work that nobody would ever notice, but when all put together it spells Success. I heerd 'em sayin this mornin that they had made a profit of \$150.00 for the Parsonage debt, so I reckon that's noan so bad. It wor good for trade an all, for the Church spent ower a hundred dollars in it, then there wor all the other parties put into it, so that altogethether things were busy. The whole business passed off well an the town is to be congratulated on it's clean, orderly, safe an sane Fourth. I think that's all the United States Mail will carry for me this time.

Remember me to Hannah-Maria and the boys. Betsey Jane sends lot of love. Write back soon.

Your Affecshunet son,

Cornelius Cornshock."



## XVI

### ASSOCIATIONS

#### Knights of Pythias

History of Ossipee Lodge No. 40; written and read by  
S. O. Griffith, as part of the 70th anniversary  
program — Dec. 9, 1953.

"On Dec. 7, 1883, a group of fellow townsmen from Porter and Parsonsfield, met in a little hall in Kezar Falls. Inspired by the tenets of a then youthful order, they had assembled that cold December evening to institute, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge officers of Maine, a local lodge of Knights of Pythias.

Supervised by the Grand Lodge officers, this group of 21 pioneers received the ranks of Page, Esquire and Knight and thus became the charter members of Ossipee Lodge No. 40.

Following the exemplification of the degrees, Bro. E. R. Chellis was elected the first chancellor Commander of this new lodge.

Let's call the roll of these honored 21: E. R. Chellis, John T. Ridlon, R. F. Wormwood, W. E. Merrifield, H. L. Ridlon, L. B. Bachelder, J. W. Chapman, G. F. Gould, James M. Edgecomb, Eugene M. Stanley, T. N. Page, E. B. Lord, J. E. Chapman, A. K. P. Fox, Melvin Pease, William Ridlon, C. F. Wadsworth, P. T. Wadsworth, J. A. Libby, William Chapman, R. L. Stanley.

Undoubtedly, to most of us these names are but a whisper out of the distant past, but some of us were privileged to know them as friends and brother Knights and can appreciate the high moral character and integrity of our founder members.

The "grim reaper" with the scythe of time has called all but two of these honored veterans to the Supreme Lodge above, but these

two have survived by many years the allotted three score years and ten and are with us today. A. K. P. Fox, who is now (1955) over 100 years of age, and Herbert L. Ridlon, who is 96, are two of our charter members who can now proudly boast of 72 years of continuous membership. This is a striking tribute not only to them but to the order itself, and I wonder how many, if any, Knights can today boast of longer or equal years of membership or of life itself.

Incidentally, Ossipee Lodge has two other members, who for over 50 years, have been faithful members; William A. Garner (now deceased) and Eugene Edgecomb.

The Lodge first operated under a dispensation, but on March 3, 1884, we find that they applied for a charter. This was granted under date of May 21, 1884, and I find in the records of Sep. 17, 1884, a note to frame the charter.

Meetings were first held in the old Moses Stacy hall. Even in the very early months of its existence the records show that Ossipee Lodge had ambitions to own a hall of its own. A vote would be passed at one meeting to investigate the matter only to be rescinded at a later meeting, and in October 1884 it was voted to lease the Stacy hall at \$3.00 a month, and the hall was dedicated on Dec. 10, 1884, with proper ceremony and entertainment. The recording secretary notes in his records that receipts for the evening were \$67.00, and expenditures \$74.37.

The urge for a new hall was prompted by the fact that due to a substantial gain in membership the hall they then occupied was proved to be almost inadequate.

In a couple of years this situation became so acute that a change was absolutely necessary, and on Nov. 24, 1886, it was voted to lease a larger hall, one then owned by Dr. Chellis, at \$40.00 per year. This hall, as you probably all know, is the building now occupied by the movie theatre. Another great fraternal order became a co-occupant of this hall, when on Dec. 24, 1887, the Knights voted to sub-lease it to the Odd Fellows.

The desire for ownership still persisted with these enthusiastic brothers, and in the latter part of 1888 their vision became a reality when they built their own hall; over the store owned and occupied





Ossipee Lodge Knights of Pythias, No. 40, Kezar Falls. Picture was taken April 17, 1950, at Kennett High School, Conway, N. H. *Front row, left to right:* Guard team: Preston Stanley, Myron Locke, Bernard Carpenter, Owen Stacy, Lester Champion, Clyde Milliken, Elwin Sawyer, Gordon Gilpatrick. *Second row, left to right:* Chauncey Cutting, Herald; Walter Blair; Frank Ames, Scribe; George Elliott, Master at Arms; Bertrand Huber, King; Linwood Libby, Chancellor Command-

er; Edmund Hadlock, Prelate; Maurice Durgin, Captain of Guards. *Back row, left to right:* Ernest Cartland, Senate; Cecil Gilpatrick, Senate; Myron Ridlon, Senate; Eugene Quint, Senate; William Batchelder, Senate; Harry Merrifield, Senate; Howard Wescott, Senate; Elton Merrifield, Senate; Bernard McAllister, Senate; Owen Griffith, Senate; Charles West, Vice Chancellor; Leon Gilpatrick, Master of Works; Robert Sawyer, Headsman.



by Jake Libby and on the site of our hall today. According to what information I could gather, this arrangement was rather unique. Libby was to own the building up to the eaves of the building as it then stood, and the Knights were to build and own their own hall above that point. Into these new quarters they moved on Saturday, Jan. 23, 1889, and with them went the Odd Fellows who came as co-tenants.

In these new quarters the lodge progressed smoothly, but on ..... 1900, disaster struck them when the building was destroyed by fire, together with all their regalia and equipment. Only the records and charter were saved.

For temporary residence, the lodge returned to its former home in the Chellis hall, and in Feb. 1901, they leased Garner Hall on the Parsonsfield side of the river for six months, obtaining a dispensation from the Grand Lodge to move from Oxford County into York, and to hold their meetings on Thursday nights instead of Wednesday, as had been customary.

Undaunted by the loss they had sustained, they voted at a meeting held on Feb. 28, 1901, to rebuild, and on March 28, 1901, it was voted to erect a building 32' x 65'. It was decided to have their "Castle Hall" on the second floor with a hall and stage on the first.

The lot where our present hall stands was purchased from Ben Ridlon for \$100.00, and on April 4th the work of re-construction was started when the members gathered and cleared the debris from the old cellar. A week later, the lower story was framed, and from then on the construction went along smoothly under the direction of George Wadleigh. The hall was dedicated on Oct. 21st, and the first meeting held on Oct. 24, 1901.

It is interesting to note that all bills for materials and labor were paid weekly as they were presented to the lodge. In looking through our old records, we found a memorandum book containing a record of all bills presented and a final totaling for the entire cost of construction amounting to \$2922.51.

Following the path thus made smooth by our revered predecessors, Ossipee Lodge has continued to carry on in a highly efficient and successful manner. It may have had its "ups" and "downs," both in a physical and financial way, but the fraternal and co-operative



spirit of and by its members has always been maintained at the highest level. Its degree teams for many years have visited various other lodges in this state and our neighboring state of New Hampshire to exemplify the degrees and have won the highest commendation.

And so from that rather crude birth in that rather little red hall of Moses Stacy with its kerosene lamps and pot-bellied stove, its cheap wooden chairs, back in 1883, we have today on our 70th birthday, this fine large hall, furnace heated, with the latest in fluorescent lighting, fine spacious, comfortable seating facilities for its officers and members; but most of all I trust we have inherited from those twenty-one old charter members and their associates through the arduous early years of the life of the lodge, the same zeal, ardor and sacrificial spirit they displayed to make all this possible, so that we in turn may lease inspiration and hope for still better things for those who follow us.

May I take a few minutes to relate a few incidents of a lighter vein in the early life of our lodge. Brother Herbert Ridlon has related to me an incident relative to the vote to build this new hall. As is usual in matters of this nature, there are always some for and some against it, and in this particular instance the members were closely divided. On that evening in late February set for the decisive vote, the roads were atrocious; neither fit for sleigh or wheels, Walter Libby, who then lived on his farm by Devil's Den, was not pleased with the condition of the road so he started out on foot through the slush and mire down the mountain, stopping at the farm where Ralph Tucker now lives to pick up Charles Garland, then in turn on the way adding George Stanley, Ashley Weeks, Herbert Ridlon, Walter and Irving Mason, arriving at the hall in time for the meeting and the motion to build, which, by the way, was carried by three votes. Such was the zeal and ardor of our old pioneers.

Brother Herbert also relates with a reminiscent smile and a twinkle of the eye, that Frank Pendexter called at his house one evening before a meeting and challenged him to a wrestling match. The challenge gleefully accepted, Herbert and Frank wrestled for over an hour without either one being able to throw the other. But, alas! time slipped by unnoticed and they missed the lodge meeting.

In checking over some of the records, I find some items that are interesting, and compared to today's standpoint, somewhat amusing. Take, for instance, the question of **janitor**. On Aug. 27, 1884, Wyman Cotton was hired to take care of the hall for the princely sum of \$6.00 per year! On March 25, 1885, it was voted to let out the job of taking care of the hall and walk to the lowest bidder — G. W. Wadleigh got it for \$10.90. When this new hall was built, the janitor's salary had taken a tremendous leap; \$50.00 per year! His simple duties were to attend to the opening, closing, and heating of the hall for all meetings of this or any other order; moreover, to sweep Castle Hall, ante-room and stairs — see that fresh drinking water is provided for each meeting — have care of lower hall; heating, lighting, opening and closing and to perform all other duties required to keep the hall in proper condition, also have the letting of the hall. Furthermore, see that the walks were kept free of snow, ice and rubbish, and, if in his judgment he thought it necessary, put sawdust on the floor for all entertainments.

Other interesting items: April 2, 1888. No smoking or chewing tobacco in lodge or ante-room. In the new hall, on Feb. 6, 1889, this ban was modified: Smoking allowed in ante-room, but the chewing of tobacco in the lodge room was prohibited. On Sept. 25, 1889, it was voted to buy a lantern for use in the hall. It brings a smile to note that under date of Aug. 12, 1885, the members met, but because George Wadleigh was away and had the key, they could not get in — did not open lodge. On April 6, 1887, the members attended the institution of Sagamore Lodge No. 60 at Cornish."

**Grand Council of Maine Improved Order of Red Men**  
**Costello Tribe No. 34**  
**Kezar Falls, Maine**  
**Common Era, Sept. 27, 1894**

The tribe was named Costello in honor of an Indian chief who once roamed the forests near these hunting grounds.

The following Brothers were elected chiefs for the ensuing term:

Prophet, George H. Lougee.

Sachem, Chas. O. Stacy.

Sr. Sagamore, Wm. T. Norton.



Jr. Sagamore, H. B. Hason.

Chief of Records, E. E. Elliott.

Collector of Wampum, F. C. Palmer.

Keeper of Wampum, Geo. E. Davis.

Wm. Thurston

Ashley Weeks

Treasurers

E. T. Edgecomb

Note. Council Fire of Tribe kindled at sunset by the Sachem.

This Fraternity traces its origin to the formation of our Nation and to those patriotic societies which helped in the establishment of the greatest nation in the world — our United States. "As a fraternity, the Improved Order of Red Men claim for its heritage that glorious emblem, Old Glory, and it is a reminder to every member of his implied pledge to defend the Flag of our Union from every danger. To freedom was later added, in the need of a broader field, the motto Friendship and Brotherly Love shared the interest with Patriotism. Later in 1835, when the Order was first incorporated and when the present great work was undertaken, Charity was added." The Order numbers in its membership the Presidents of the United States, ex-presidents, U. S. Senators, Congressmen, Governors, Judges, Army and Navy officers and men, bankers, lawyers, clergymen, mechanics, clerks and all other classes of respectable citizens.

There are three degrees. The Ceremonies are aboriginal, dramatic, historical and interesting. Degree of Pocahontas is a degree for the special benefit of the female relatives and friends of Red Men, of whom all over 16 years of age are eligible to membership.

Mr. Arthur A. Allard of Parsonsfield and Porter was promoted to the degree of Great Sachem of Maine, Oct. 1953; only one of the Costello Tribe ever to reach this high degree.

### Laurel Temple No. 62 of Kezar Falls, Maine

On Feb. 24, 1900, a group of ladies at Kezar Falls met for the purpose of electing officers for a Pythian Sisterhood. The following officers were elected at this meeting:

Past Chancellor,

Mrs. Walter Ridlon

Chancellor Commander

Mrs. C. O. Stacy

Chancellor Commander	Mrs. F. H. Brooks
Vice Chancellor Commander	Mrs. C. O. Stacy
Prelate	Mrs. George Stanley
Mistress of Exchequer	Mrs. Walter Mason
Mistress of Finance	Miss Flora Lord
K. R. and S.	Mrs. Will O. Merrifield
Mistress of Arms	Mrs. E. F. Gentleman
Asst. Mistress of Arms	Miss Myrtie Stanley
Inner Guard	Miss Bertha Gilpatrick
Outer Guard	Miss Nora Stanley
Mystic One	Miss Grace Stanley
Organist	Mrs. Fult B. Davis

On Feb. 27, 1900, it was voted to name an Assembly Laurel; to be known as Laurel Assembly No. 40. The officers elected at the previous meeting were installed by Grand Chancellor Mrs. Richardson. On Jan. 7, 1901, the Grand Assembly of Pythian sisterhood of Maine granted a charter to Laurel Assembly No. 40. On March 15, 1907, Laurel Temple No. 62 was instituted by Mrs. Tupper, G. M. of R. & C. Charter members were, Mrs. C. Maude Stacy, Jennie Lord, Mary Redlon, Amanda Peary, Vesta Weeks, Olive McDaniel, Mary Stanley, Nora J. Stearns, Miss Myrtie Stacy and Miss Gertrude Watson.

The following officers were elected and installed at this meeting:

M. E. C., Maude Stacy; E. S., Jennie Lord; E. T., Mary Stanley; M. of R. & C., Nora Stearns; M. of F., Gertrude Watson; P. of T., Mary Ridlon; P. C., Myrtle Stacy.

In the year, 1954-55, Laurel Temple No. 62 had its first Members in the Grand Temple. Louise Meloon served as Grand Chief. We are very proud of Sister Louise.

We now have a membership of 32 Knights and 38 Sisters. Meeting takes place the first and third Thursdays of every month.

Ruth E. West, M. E. C.

### Good Will Club Kezar Falls, town of Porter

The Good Will Club is one of the oldest clubs in this village. It



was organized on March 7, 1907. The club had its beginning the day when several women came together to chat at the home of Mrs. Agnes Stewart. Mrs. Stewart suggested that the group meet again and form a club. This was done. At this meeting pickles were served by the hostess, hence they decided to call themselves the "Pickle Club," but at the third meeting it was unanimously voted to name the club the Good Will Club. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Celia Wadleigh; Vice-President, Mrs. Nancy Newbegin; Secretary, Mrs. Agnes Stewart; Treasurer, Mrs. Annie Kelly.

Meetings were held every two weeks with dues set at five cents each meeting. The motto chosen for the club was, "Think that to-day may never dawn again." At first the membership was limited to eight. Other members besides those already named were Mrs. Mary Stanley, Mrs. Nellie Pearl and Mrs. Jennie Spring. Later it was voted to increase the membership, and the following names were added: Mrs. Jennie Lord, Mrs. Alice Libby, Mrs. Emma Merri-field, Mrs. Mabel Stanley, Mrs. Ida Davis, Mrs. Grace Lord, Mrs. Rosalie Edgecomb and Mrs. Ellen Hanson.

Among those mentioned, Mrs. Jennie Spring — who observed her 94th birthday, Jan. 30, 1956, is the only one now living, and she has been named the "club mother."

As the years passed, the membership roll was subject to changes, and new members joined and others passed on or moved to other towns. One of the older members who belonged to the club for many years, until her death, March 9, 1943, was Lestina Garland, whose influence for good and her power of leadership was a great inspiration and incentive to the club members. Mrs. Grace Lord was a member of the club until her death in 1954.

This club has always been active in sunshine work and for the betterment of the community, and its meetings are both educational and entertaining.

The present membership includes the following: Mrs. Emma Wadsworth, Mrs. Jennie Spring, Mrs. Elizabeth Emery, Mrs. Pansy Staples, Mrs. Annie McGraw, Mrs. Gladys Eastman, Mrs. Lottie French, Mrs. Ruth Allard and Mrs. May Garland.

### '21 Club of Kezar Falls

The "'21 Club of Kezar Falls" was formed at Kezar Falls in August, 1921. It was organized by three charter members, Mrs. Thelma Weeks Meloon, Mrs. Teresa Ridlon Fox and Mrs. Ruth Leavitt Sanborn, as a social club. The membership was increased to nine during its first year of existence — Mrs. Thelma Meloon was the Club's first president. The Club continued to function as a social group until 1928, doing some "sunshine work" in the intervening time, but as soon as the membership again increased (14 members), the group became more actively interested in community service.

The '21 Club became a member of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs in Jan., 1929, and a few years ago joined the General Federation. It became a member of the York County Union in June, 1929.

The club membership was 34 in August, 1956. One of its members, Mrs. Eleanor S. Garner, became president of the Maine Federation in 1956; another member, Mrs. Helen Merrifield became corresponding secretary of that organization.

Officers of the '21 Club for 1956-1957:

Mrs. Marguerite Churchill .....	President
Mrs. Claire Runyon, .....	Vice President
Mrs. Elizabeth Palmer, .....	Secretary
Mrs. Gudrun Kononen, .....	Corr. Secretary
Mrs. Edith Cartland, .....	Treasurer

The '21 Club's motto is, "Our true worth is the good we do in the world."

### Macbeth Club of Kezar Falls

The Macbeth Club was organized on Sept. 24, 1920. The name was taken from Shakespeare's "Macbeth." Although organized as a "social club," it has been active in the welfare of the Church and Community. The club paid for the Street Signs, besides having them installed. It earned this money by putting on Kiwanis suppers and a drama. The club donated the Flag and Flag Pole to Porter High School; contributes to national and local drives, and makes an annual donation to two local churches.



The first officers of the local Macbeth Club:

President, "Lady Macbeth" Salie Edgecomb

Vice-President, Elizabeth Stanley

Secretary, Elizabeth Batchelder

Treasurer, Mabel Wiggin

First Witch, Nora Erickson

Second Witch, Lillian Monroe

Deceased Members: Salie Edgecomb, Ethel Weeks, Myrtie Stanley,  
Ida Cole, Gertrude Cross, Ida Bradshaw.

### Kezar Falls Kiwanis Club

The Kezar Falls Kiwanis Club was organized and received its Charter, Friday Evening, December 28, 1928.

#### Charter Members:

Sidney R. Batchelder

Allen M. Chellis

L. Randolph Churchill

Frank W. Emery

Carleton T. Fox

John W. Garner

William A. Garner

Edgar L. Giles

George C. Hight

Frank E. Holmes

Claude L. Kelley

Fred N. Leavitt

Byron Lord

Myron O. Lord

Hampton S. Marchant

William T. Norton

Magnus G. Ridlon

Myron H. Ridlon

Ellsworth W. Sawyer

Frank A. Shaw

Orman L. Stanley

Sidney B. Stanley

Frank E. Stearns

Grover C. Stanley

William E. Stearns

Walter L. Webb

#### Officers:

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Treasurer

District Trustee

Orman L. Stanley

L. Randolph Churchill

Sidney R. Batchelder

William T. Norton

William A. Garner

The Club has held weekly meetings ever since. The first few years at the Milliken School house and at the Malvern Hotel. The last twenty years in Norton Hall, above the Post Office.

Officers for 1956:

President	Orion R. Stanley
1st Vice-President	Elmer Runyon
2nd Vice-President	Rinaldo Giovanella
Secretary	Ellsworth Lebroke
Treasurer	Daniel Lord

### The Kezar Falls Coin and Stamp Club

The Kezar Falls Coin Club was organized on October 27, 1949, by Mr. Joe L. Denis of North Parsonsfield. The first meeting was held at the Kezar Falls Fire Station with the following persons present: Miss Avis Norton, Joe L. Denis, Sewell MacDaniel, Perley Stacy, Frank Jock, Karl Stacy, Frank E. Holmes. By-laws were drafted and the club began to function.

On March 8, 1951, stamp collectors were taken into the "Coin Club" and the name was changed to the Kezar Falls Coin and Stamp Club. It has now about thirty members in good standing.

The purpose of the Kezar Falls Coin and Stamp Club is to promote the hobby of collecting both coins and stamps as well as to enjoy the social functions held at each meeting. The meeting of the Club is held at 8 o'clock on the second Tuesday of each month at Norton's Hall. Mr. Denis is the Club's perennial president. All visitors and collectors are cordially invited to exchange thoughts, coins and stamps.

### The Keswick Club

The Keswick Club was organized on November 2, 1939. The first meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Roberta Watson in Parsonsfield.

Charter Members:

Mrs. Roberta Watson, Eleanor S. Stacy, Helene F. Jewell, Elizabeth W. West, Dorothy L. Davis, Dorothy W. Huntress, Wilma L.



Griffith, Anne G. Hadlock, Ruth G. Hadlock, Gail I. Morrow, Esther Ridlon Constiner, Leola C. Leavitt, Eula T. Stanley, Virginia D. Campbell, Margaret W. Jones, Miss Betty Curtis.

Officers were elected, and at an early meeting By-laws were drawn up. The name of the club and the Club Motto were submitted by Mrs. Davis; the Creed by Mrs. Watson.

The purpose of the club was mainly for sociability and to help wherever possible in Civic Affairs and Charity Work.

The club meets weekly on Tuesday evenings, and at present contains 14 active members.

### Charter Oak Grange No. 146 Patrons of Husbandry

It was organized in 1875; reorganized on May 28, 1903 with the following Charter Members:

C. W. Cole	Alona Mason
Ida A. Cole	Irvin Merrifield
Nathan Cotton	Charles D. Ridlon
Lonnie Crabtree	Mary E. Ridlon
Lulu J. Crabtree	John S. Rounds
William E. Durgin	Lydia Rounds
Alice Durgin	Arthur W. True
Abra Fox	C. W. Young
George P. Fox	Martha J. Young
Raymond Garland	

John Rounds was elected as Master at this time and was followed the next year by Charles W. Cole. They held their meetings for a number of years at the K. of P., Kezar Falls; later met for a few years at the South Hiram School House.

Charter Oak Grange No. 146 was officially incorporated on March 16, 1907.

Irvin Merrifield and Jesse Gilpatrick have both served as Master several times, and have given long, faithful service to the order.

The first meeting in the present Grange Hall, in South Hiram, was held on April 28, 1938. This building had formerly served as a stable, but with the help of several interested members, the place

was remodelled and made into an attractive and comfortable hall. The final payment on the mortgage was made in 1944.

The Grange Hall was formally dedicated on October 7, 1944, with a very impressive ceremony. State Master E. Carroll Bean and other state officers were present on this occasion.

The following Past Masters were honored on June 23, 1955:

Charles W. Cole	Thomas Moody
Irvin Merrifield	Edgar Leveille
Jesse Gilpatrick	Herbert Jones
Estella Wood	Raymond Staples
Adis M. Stearns	Raymond Perry
Wayne Pendexter	Linwood Libby
Alton Libby	

State Master Maynard Dolloff and Deputy Everett Riley were present at this meeting.

The leading officers for 1955-56 are Master, Irene Richardson; Overseer, Walter Smith; Lecturer, Cecile Blanchard; Treasurer, Johanne Leville; Secretary, Irma Adams Pendexter. Alta Mason is the Golden Sheaf Honorary Member.

The Charter Oak Grange holds its meetings on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month, at 8 P.M. Visitors warmly welcomed.

\* The following belated information relative to Charter Oak Grange No. 146 (now at S. Hiram) was received by Porter Grange No. 569 a few weeks after the manuscript of the "History of Hiram" had been completed, but owing to its historic importance, the present writer thought it advisable to include it in this First Edition. The excerpts used here come from the official records, namely; the "Secretary" and the "Roll Book" of the Grange. These two books were recovered by Mr. Ralph E. Cook of San Luis Obispo, California. He found them amongst the papers of his father, Jonathan W. Cook, a native of the town of Porter and a charter member of the Charter Oak Grange.

The extract from the "Secretary" reads: "At a meeting called by C. H. Cobb, State Deputy, April 8, 1875, a granger of Patrons of Husbandry, was organized and it was voted that it be called Charter Oak Grange. At a subsequent Election, the following were chosen for officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Isaac L. French, W. M., Seth Stanley, W. O., Jesse Colcord, W. Secty., W. D. French, W. Steward, G. A. Norton, Asst. Steward, J. L. Moulton, W. Chaplin, Daniel Towle, W. Treas., R. G. Hurd, W. Sec., W. H. Sawyer, G. K., Emma Towle, Ceres, A. M. Henley, Flora, Selina Wentworth, Pomona, Mrs. Daniel Towle, Lady Assistant Steward, J. W. Cook, Elisha Stanley, L. S. Sargent, were chosen Trustees. Adjourned to April 24, 1875.

The "Roll Book" records the names of Charter Members:



"Isaac L. French, Abner K. Gibbs, R. G. Hurd, G. A. Norton, Jesse Colcord, W. D. French, John S. Moulton, Isaac L. Hubbard, Wm. H. Sawyer, Isaac L. Sargent, Jonathan W. Cook, Seth Stanley, Elisha Stanley, Daniel Towle, James W. Libby, Daniel Wentworth. Mrs. Emma Towle, Mrs. Annie M. Henley, Mrs. Daniel Wentworth, Mrs. Daniel Towle, Mrs. R. G. Heard, Mrs. J. W. Cook, Mrs. G. A. Norton, Mrs. Isaac L. French, Mrs. Elisha Stanley, Mrs. Jas. W. Libby, Miss Mary E. Cook, Miss Melinda Rounds, Mrs. Seth Stanley, Mrs. Isaac L. Sargent."

### Ladies Magazine Reading Club

Due to the interest of Miss Jennie Moulton of Kezar Falls — she was a descendant of one of the earliest families of Porter, and later the wife of Rev. Henry A. Peare, the L. M. R. C. was organized in November, 1895 with 19 charter members. Three of these charter members are still living, namely; Mrs. Georgia Durgin, Mrs. Bertha Garner and Mrs. Lilla Gentleman. The other charter members were, Mrs. M. E. King, wife of the Methodist minister, and their daughter, Mabel King; Mrs. Ina Benton, Miss Lula Bennett, Mrs. Jeanie Chapman, Mrs. Estelle Crowther, Mrs. Evelyn Devereux, Miss Abra Fox, Miss Eva Garner, Miss Bessie Lord, Mrs. Carrie Mason, Mrs. Alice Merrifield, Miss May Pierce, Miss Emily Ridlon and Mrs. Ella Wadleigh.

Their first objective was to obtain some standard magazines for the members and to become more familiar with standard works and authors. They soon became interested in starting a public library, and this was the special work of the Club for many years until the library became self-supporting. Meetings are held weekly on Monday evening from October 1st to June 1st.

Mrs. Florence Garner Norton was President of the Club from 1928 to 1940. In 1932 this Club joined the York County Union, and Mrs. Norton has served as its President, also District Director in the State Federation.

The community service department of the L. M. R. C. has been very active through the years, assisting in many fine projects. In 1932, the Club won First Prize in the Portland Sunday Telegram Roadside Beautification Contest by seeding the plot in the village square, grading and placing a cement curb around it. In 1937, a more ambitious project was the grading of the High School grounds, laying out the driveway, planting trees and shrubs and erecting an

iron fence. \$1500.00 was raised to finance this, and Second Prize was won. Funds were raised for these different projects from dues, dramas, suppers, bazaars and other entertainments. The members have lent their assistance to the church, schools, legion, and all worthy causes have been assisted as much as possible.

### Pocahontas

The Degree of Pocahontas is a grade for the special benefit of the female relatives and friends of the Improved Order of Red Men. The charter for the "Neola Council D. of P. No. 14" was issued on March 19, 1900, at the Hall in the Bank Building, Kezar Falls. The document was signed by Herbert B. Seals, Great Sachem, and William E. St. John, Great Chief of Records.

#### Charter Members:

Bessie Stearns, Manda Fox, Ada Fox, Annie Wadsworth, Sarah Lord, Mary Mason, Ida Quint, Mehitabel Wakefield, Joseph Mason, Susie Truworthy, Ethel Weeks, Lillian Weeks, Lillian Gentleman, Ida Davis, Alice Merrifield, Eva E. Richardson, Ella Ridlon, Abra Fox, Herman J. Fox, Charles Truworthy, George E. Davis, J. Merrill Lord, Oris Mason. The officers were Susie Truworthy, Pocahontas.

Lilla Gentleman, Prophetess.

Manda Fox, Namonah.

H. J. Fox, Powhatan.

Abra E. Fox, K. of R.

Lillian Weeks, C. of W.

Ida G. Davis, K. of W.

Note — At that time the officers served only six months — now twelve months. The first Great Pocahontas of the Neola Council from S. Hiram was Frances Merrifield; Celia Holland of South Hiram was the Great Pocahontas of Maine, 1952-1953.

A scroll on "Freedom," concerning communism, signed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, is a worthy document in our Civil Defense Program; and emphasized by the Great Incahone Byron Hurd. "Freedom, Friendship and Charity" is the slogan of this organiza-



tion; and rightly so, inasmuch as the foundation of our country's greatness rests upon liberty, amity and good will to all; especially so to the poor and the suffering.

The home of the Neola Council is off Mountain View Avenue, Kezar Falls.

## XVII

### MUSIC AND MUSICIANS

Music is both a science and an art — the universal language of mankind! It is as old as the human race — its origin lost in antiquity! The appreciation of music extends to the remotest corner of the Earth!

It is the part music has played in the lives of the people of Porter that concerns us here. The writer feels justified in saying that music made its first appearance in Porter in 1781 — that song gushed forth from the lips of Meshach Libby while he was at work is almost self-evident! With the Scottish essayist and historian, Thomas Carlyle, we exclaim: "Give me — O, give me the man that sings at his work!"

Others who came to Porter later also sang at their work. Furthermore, on the Sabbath, either at home or at the Meeting House, they all gave voice to their feelings — their hopes, their fears, their joys, their sorrows were wafted upward on the wings of song!

About "group singing," an old timer imparts the following information: "The singing of the psalms was tedious and unmusical. Singing was by ear, and very uncertain, and the congregation had no notes, and many had no psalm books, and hence no words. So the psalms were "lined" or "deaconed" that is, a line was read by the deacon and then sung by the congregation. This sometimes occupied half an hour, during which the congregation stood. There were but eight or nine tunes in general use and even these were often sung incorrectly; there were no church organs to help keep the singers together, but sometimes pitch pipes were used to help set the key. Violins were too much associated with dance music to be thought decorous for church music. Still the New Englanders clung to and





Kezar Falls Cornet Band of 1882, approximately. Photo taken of the players standing beside bandstand on Garner Island, in the Great Ossipee River. This island at that time was reached by means of a suspension walk running from the center of the covered bridge. A. K. P. Fox died in 1956 at the age of

101. *Left to right:* A. K. P. Fox, Jakie Libby, Sydney Stacy, Frank Shaw, Al Stone, Clint Stone, Charles O. Stacy, R. Fulton Wormwood, Walter Newbegin, Walter Fowler, Unidentified, John Ridlon.



loved their poor, confused psalm singing as one of their few delights; and whenever a devout person, even in road or field, heard the distant sound of a psalm tune, he removed his hat and bowed his head in prayer."

In the earlier days many villages had singing schools, and Kezar Falls was no exception. We find that in the 1880's William O. Merrifield was the leader, and the gatherings were held in the vestry of the church. In the early 1900's the Kezar Falls Choral Society was formed with Mr. L. B. Cain as Conductor. He also organized the Saco Valley Festival Chorus, and conducted this from 1913 to 1920.

During the pastorate of Rev. H. A. Peare, from 1903 to 1909, the village had an excellent male quartet, composed of William T. Norton, Preston B. Warren, Benjamin F. Ridlon and Rev. Peare. The Orpheus Ladies' Quartet was formed about this time; its members being Mrs. Lida Elliott, Mrs. Elizabeth Stanley, Mrs. Lottie Chapman and Mrs. Jeanie Chapman.

Mrs. Florence Garner Norton, Mrs. Myrtle Stanley and Mrs. Evelyn Devereaux were the leading piano teachers for many years. Some time later, Mrs. Roland Stanley instructed many pupils, and at present the piano teachers are Mrs. Flora R. Carpenter and Mrs. Natalie Doe. Mrs. Carpenter received her training at the New England Conservatory in Boston, and has taught public school music for 30 years. Mrs. Doe attended Syracuse University. As mentioned previously, Mrs. Bernice Huber is the present organist at the Riverside Methodist Church.

Devereaux's orchestra was much in demand in the 1890's and the early 1900's. This orchestra, as the name indicates, was formed by Dr. F. G. Devereaux (1859-1935) who played the bass viol; Mrs. Devereaux, the pianist, and her sister, Mrs. Bertha Ridlon Garner, violinist.

The Riverside Orchestra of Kezar Falls was organized about 1914. It had ten members, and Frank Edgecomb was its director.

The Bel Canto Ladies' Quartet of the 1930's and 1940's was made up of Mrs. Flora R. Carpenter, Mrs. Iva Cutting, Mrs. Margaret Lord and Mrs. Doris Lord.



Mrs. Ina Emery, who studied at the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, has been a vocal soloist in many of the churches in Maine and New Hampshire, and a teacher of Public School Music for thirty years.

Mention should also be made of Mrs. Mildred Stanley Leonard, daughter of the late Orman L. and Elizabeth Stanley, graduate of Porter High and Bates College. She received her musical training at the Eastman School of Music, Rochester, N. Y., and later studied for a season at Salzburg, Austria. She has taught public school music for 25 years, and is now piano instructor at Columbia University, also conducting a private studio at her home in Scarsdale, N. Y.

When the pipe organ was installed in the Riverside Methodist Church, in 1938, Mr. Roy Frazee was engaged to give lessons to a large class of pupils.

Bands have existed in the village since before 1880, and which bore the name of Kezar Falls Cornet Band. In the early 1900's, Preston B. Warren was the leader of the village band, a position he held for several years. The Fife and Drum Corps was also very active in the early days of the village. The members were, S. A. McDaniel, Oris Mason and Walter Ridlon, Sr.

The first Porter High School Band was organized in 1938, and with the changing personnel each year, it has taken the place of the so-called "old timers" and it seems to satisfy the music demands of the present generation.

## XVIII

### NATURAL LANDMARKS

(Elevations are above sea level)

Whale's Back, 1580 ft. Highest point in Porter.

Pine Hill, 1300 ft.

Prospect Mtn. (in Porter), 1200 ft. Highest point in Freedom,  
N. H., 1340 ft.

Devil's Den, 1183 ft.

Rattlesnake Mtn., 1180 ft.

Bald Ledge, 1180 ft.

Burnt Meadow Mountains — highest point in Porter, 1160 ft.

Davis Mtn., 1140 ft.

Stacy Hill, 1060 ft.

Libby Hill (Bald Face), 1040 ft.

Moulton Ridge, 1040 ft.

Notch Mtn., 1040 ft.

Fork Hill, 900 ft.

Mine Mtn., 880 ft.

#### List of Names Appearing on the Porter Map of 1875

Berry, A.

Bickford, J.

Black, J. A.

Blake, A. H.

Blake, E.

Bradeen,

Brooks,

Brooks, S.

Brown, I.

Libby, W. T.

Lord, F.

Lord, J.

Mason, A. H.

Mason, F. C.

Mason, J. C.

Mason, M. S.

Mason, O. W.

Mason, W. S.





This telephoto view from above West Pond in Parsonsfield shows very clearly the entire town of Porter. Beginning at the very left, the higher range is in Freedom and Eaton, N. H. The lower range, beginning with the Simeon Day, Harry Lord hill (see white building there) and running, brokenly, directly across the picture, is entirely in Porter, the last mound at the right being Rattlesnake (Eagle) Mountain. Between these two extremes, starting at the Simeon Day elevation we see, in succession, Bald Ledge, Libby Hill (Bald Face), Devil's

Den, the ridge north of the George E. Stacy farm, Danforth Mountain, and Pine Hill. The building in right portion of the picture is the old Gibbs (later the Clemons) place. The ridge looming up this side of and between Bald Face and Bald Ledge is Kezar Hill in Parsonsfield. Along its southern base we see the homes of Carroll Sawyer and Roy Harmon. The White Mountains, and Mt. Kearsarge (in right half) form the far background. Burnt Meadow Mountain begins just beyond Pine Hill and disappears at the right.



Burbank, L.	Maxwell, S. T.
Chapman, A.	McDonald, A.
Chapman, G.	McDonald, A.
Chapman, H. L.	Merryfield, I.
Chapman, J. W.	Merryfield, S.
Chick, J.	Moulton, M. S.
Clemons, D. L.	Norton, B. F.
Colcord, D. A.	Norton, E.
Colcord, J.	Norton, G. J.
Cole, E.	Pearl, I.
Cole, J. H.	Pearl, I.
Cole, J. W.	Pendexter, L. W.
Cole, L.	Pendexter, S. S.
Cook, L. D.	Philbrick, W. T.
Cook, J.	Pugsley, Jer.
Cotton, D.	Ridlon, D.
Cotton, W.	Ridlon, G. W.
Cousin, J.	Ridlon, L.
Cousins, E.	Riley, J.
Cummings, J.	Robbins, C.
Danforth, I.	Robbins, M.
Danforth, S.	Roberts, A. R.
Day, E.	Rounds, E.
Day, M.	Rounds, J.
Day, S.	Rounds, S.
Day, W.	Sargent, D. A.
Douglas, J.	Sargent, J.
Douglas, W.	Sargent, L. L.
Downs, A. H.	Sargent, R.
Drown, M.	Sawyer, A.
Durgin, C.	Sawyer, Capt. C. C.
Durgin, D.	Sawyer, F. W.
Durgin, S.	Sawyer, H. H.
Durgin, S.	Sawyer, I. B.
Floyd, H.	Sawyer, J. B.
Fox, D. J.	Sawyer, S.
Fox, G. W.	Sawyer, T.



Fox, M. S.  
 French, C.  
 French, J.  
 French, J.  
 French, J. P.  
 French, S.  
 French, S., 2nd  
 French, W.  
 Garland, C.  
 Garland, J.  
 Gentleman, W. F.  
 Gould, M.  
 Hartford,  
 Hartford, E.  
 Hayford,  
 Holmes, J. A.  
 Holmes, N. T.  
 Howard, J. H.  
 Hubbard, J. A.  
 Hunt, C.  
 Huntress, D.  
 Hurd, D.  
 Kennard, G.  
 Kimball,  
 Kimball, S.  
 Lewis, A.  
 Libby, D.  
 Libby, H.  
 Libby, H. M.  
 Libby, J.  
 Libby, J. T.  
 Libby, L.  
 Libby, T. B.  
 Libby, T. C.  
 Libby, W.

Sawyer, W. H.  
 Sawyer, W. T.  
 Stacey, F.\*  
 Stacey, G. F.\*  
 Stacey, Jordan\*  
 Stacey, S.\*  
 Stanley, C.  
 Stanley, E.  
 Stanley, J.  
 Stanley, J., 3rd  
 Stanley, M.  
 Stanley, S.  
 Stanley, S.  
 Taylor, O.  
 Taylor, W. T.  
 Towle, I.  
 Towle, E. J.  
 Towle, J. F.  
 Towle, W. B.  
 Tripp, H.  
 Tripp, T.  
 Varney, A.  
 Varney, D.  
 Varney, M.  
 Weeks, C.  
 Weeks, J.  
 Weeks, O.  
 Wood, L.  
 Wormwood, H.  
 York, W. F.

\* The name should be spelled Stacy.

## XIX

### AGRICULTURE.

Since the town of Porter is pre-eminently agricultural, the following extract from an address delivered before the "Oxford County Agricultural Society," in 1856, by N. T. True, M.D., is most timely inasmuch as practically the same problems face the farmer today as they did a century ago. This speech by Dr. True is to be found in the "First Annual Report of the Secretary of the Maine Board of Agriculture, pub. in 1857.

"One year ago, I attended an agricultural conference in this county, where men, who really had the least to do with agricultural operations, were inclined to say the most, respecting what ought to be done. Near me sat an intelligent looking farmer, who whispered, and explained to me how he cultivated his great crop of corn. I requested him to rise, and tell us all about it. "Oh!" said he, "I am no speaker."

Now, gentlemen, I am standing here today only to be the organ of that farmer, and hundreds of others, who can raise better crops of corn than I can, or, at least, than I do, but who have not the courage to inform others how it is done. One of the most striking observations that I have ever made, is the low opinion which the really successful farmer has of what he is doing, when called upon to express his opinions in public, or even in private conversation. I never spend a single half-hour with the man of ordinary intelligence, without hearing from him some valuable idea, instructive to myself, and worthy of an article in the farmer's paper; but, were I to intimate such a thing to him, he would be sure to stare at me with astonishment, and regard the subject as unworthy of notice. So





A 1904 Scene in Kezar Falls. Town Pump in foreground; Ossipee Trail (Route No. 25) and the dam in middle distance. Afar appears the north side of the west half of Kezar Mountain in Parsonsfield. The earliest settler in that area of the Parsonsfield Gore was Elijah Fox around 1805. Cecil Gilpatrick's service station and garage now occupies the bend in the road.



The Cole Schoolhouse about the year, 1898. It stood on the Porterfield road, about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile from the Harry Trueworthy home.



varied are the different operations in agriculture, that every farmer has ideas of his own which are often original, and valuable. What I shall say to you on the present occasion may prove to be mostly made up of opinions expressed among yourselves in my intercourse among you; for you may not be aware, that, within one year, I have listened to fifty or more agricultural addresses in this county. Some of them were delivered by my neighbor's fireside, others in his garden, orchard, or cornfield, just where I could find speakers, there have I been to listen. And be assured, gentlemen, that some of the speakers were really eloquent, never at a loss for words or ideas, and always in earnest in what they advanced.

Instead, then, of addressing you on a single topic, I may take the liberty of directing your attention to a variety of subjects pertaining to the farmer's calling — and such subjects, too, as have been suggested by yourselves.

SOILS. The soils of Oxford county may be arranged in four different classes — intervalle, meadow, sandy plain, and rocky upland.

While the owner of the upland farm must spread upon his land ashes and lime, and manure in abundance, to secure his crop, and keep up the fertility of the soil, the annual floods which overflow the intervalles are to you what the rising of the Nile was to the Egyptians. The sediment which is deposited on these intervalles, is in the finest state of division, and abounds in mineral and vegetable matter in a state of complete solution and decomposition. No better preparation could well be made to increase the fertility of a soil than this. The chemist will find on analyzing such a soil, that all the necessary elements will be present and nearly in due proportion. He is a miserable man indeed who cannot secure a good living on an intervalle farm.

While on a recent visit to the White Mountains, I was forcibly struck with the value of that huge pile of rocks to Maine. Instead of regarding it as a barren waste, I look upon it as an inexhaustible mine of wealth, which does not require to be dug, but which the sunshine and frost, the drouth and the rain, serve in turn to loosen out from the rocks, and hasten onward to the rich intervalles of the Saco, Presumpscot, Androscoggin, Connecticut, and other rivers. Its



rocks and minerals are of such a nature as to be easily decomposed, and possess the elements of fertility in the highest degree. The apparently useless mosses, that cover its otherwise barren summits, are rich in such material, while the immense forests, which the hand of man can never remove, saturate the innumerable rivulets from its sides with vegetable matter. You may possibly exhaust your swamps of muck and other vegetable matter, but those mountains, like the mountains at the source of the Nile, are inexhaustible in their elements of fertility.

The next class comprises your meadows. No one thing has so forcibly struck me in the farming interests of this county, as the almost entire neglect of its meadow lands within its borders. Thousands of acres still exist in this county undisturbed by the hand of man, unless it be by some marauder after a cedar post, when a small outlay would fit the land to pay the interest from one to two hundred dollars an acre. Much of the meadow does not require to be plowed and manured and hoed every year to secure a crop of grass, but when once cleared and drained, it remains for many years essentially the same; and if it be situated so as to be overflowed, it is doubtful whether it ever need depreciate. A bed of muck, from one to five feet in thickness, when cleared of its stunted growth of wood, and properly drained, with a coating of air-slacked lime or ashes to neutralize the vegetable acids, and the letting in of light and sunshine, will cause heavy crops of grass more valuable than is wont to be estimated by the farmers of this county. Travel through some portions of Kennebec county where they are far ahead of us generally in scientific farming, and you may learn a lesson in the management and profit of your meadows. By a system of drainage, England has reclaimed five millions of acres from her heretofore unproductive swamps.

I trust that I am addressing some here who will go home and examine that mudhole which is now so disagreeable to the sight, as well as profitless, and see if it cannot be drained at a trifling expense, and rendered productive. No matter if the boys do scold, let them fag at it until it is completely drained. Most persons are deceived in regard to the ease and capability of cultivating our swamps. If they can be drained, they can be cultivated.

The third class is a sandy soil. This is frequently found on the high intervale of the rivers and on the extensive pine plains in different parts of the county. It is usually regarded much inferior to the other classes mentioned, but there is no doubt that such land may be much improved. It should be cultivated early and for early crops. Manure should be well composted and rotted for this purpose. By a frequent rotation of crops, a change of fields into pastures, and pastures into fields, a stirring, active, and sharp-sighted man will often be found thriving on this kind of land. One advantage may be noticed. Such land is almost always situated near a muck swamp, and on no soil is muck of greater value than on this. The nicest quality of potatoes which I ever saw in Maine, was raised on an almost literally barren sandhill, where muck directly from the swamp had been hauled on the previous autumn.

The fourth class is the upland, rocky soil, which is the most common in this county. The elements of a good soil are abundant, but are coarse, and only in a partially suitable condition for the growth of plants. So far as the mineral elements are concerned, they are essentially the same as on the intervalles, but the particles are not divided and sub-divided by water and frost, and other agencies as on these. The scientific farmer may draw a valuable hint from this point, on the importance of thoroughly and deeply pulverizing all the upland soils for the cultivation of our staple crops. Here are raised your fine crops of wheat, corn and fruit. Here you may plow in all the manure, and of every kind, which you can find. In some parts of this county the soil is three or four feet deep, and would bear stirring up to that depth, while in other places it is unfit for the plow, and must be forever devoted to wood and pasturage.

MANURE. No subject pertaining to the farmer's calling is of more vital importance than that of manure. How he shall in the best and cheapest manner accumulate a large quantity, every year, should constantly be before his mind.

I need not remind you, gentlemen, that economy is, and should be the watchword of the thrifty farmer; but under no circumstances, is it better practised than in saving his manures, and by increasing them in quantity and quality in every possible manner. It is



idle to talk of purchasing guano and superphosphate of lime, however valuable they may be in some circumstances. The farmer of Oxford county will not in one case in five receive back his money paid out for such manures. The success of the farmer consists chiefly in his being in every sense a **producer**, and not a **consumer**. He must produce, as it were, out of nothing. The leaves of the forest, the muck swamp, the weeds in his garden, refuse straw, solid and liquid excrements of animals; everything that is good for nothing but manure, should be converted into that substance.

As the farmer becomes more intelligent, he will secure a greater range of manures. In some cases, he will find pure sand just what his land needs. In other cases, clay will satisfy the demand; while under other circumstances deep plowing will be necessary. The intelligent and observing man will find by experience that lime or plaster is wanting. He will learn, too, that though these articles may be valuable they will not answer alone. Lime alone will impoverish any soil, while in combination with other substances it may be exceedingly valuable. The intelligent farmer will look to the air as well as the earth, to heat and cold, to fire and water, as instruments by which to insure the rapid growth of vegetation.

I would here suggest an idea for your future consideration, on the propriety of thoroughly mixing your different kinds of manure. The course adopted by most farmers is to draw out from his largest heap and deposit it in the ground by itself. The hog pen is next visited, and its contents occupy a narrow strip of the corn field. The compost heap, the sink spout, and chip manure, find a location in another direction. The result is this: The hog manure shows a rank piece of corn — rank in the blade, but I believe, not resulting in so good a yield as is usually anticipated. The chip and other poorer qualities of manure will exhibit a dwarfish growth. But the evil does not stop here. The crops of wheat the next year will exhibit the same inequality, and so, also, the subsequent crops of grass. Now would it not be better to arrange matters in such a way as to have a mixture as complete as possible, so that the crops shall appear uniform?

I know of no law in chemistry which would forbid the complete

mixture of all the substances usually employed as fertilizers, except that the alkalies, potash, soda, and lime in their caustic state, should not, under ordinary circumstances, be applied to animal manures. As it is said that the stomach will the better digest a vegetable dinner made up of a variety of elements in their healthy and vigorous growth.

I have no faith in applying plaster alone to a worn out pasture to render it any thing more than temporarily productive; nor do I yet believe that guano or superphosphate of lime will alone keep up the annual fertility of our soils. There is a large amount of vegetable mould in every well conditioned soil. Nature in her cultivation for trees keeps on the surface a large quantity of this substance. I am aware that on many farms such a substance is only a thing of tradition — or, at least, known only by the oldest inhabitant; but rest assured, gentlemen, if, when you have mowed your land the second year, you do not see a thick black coat of vegetable matter on the surface of the soil, that you are exhausting your land, or else it was poor land originally.

A skillful farmer of this county assured me the present season, that in order to keep up the fertility of the soil from year to year, it was necessary to double the amount of manure usually made from his stock; and my own experience and observation go to confirm the statement.

The greatest fault I have to mark against the farmer, is the simple fact, that he does not know how happy he is, or may be, compared with the merchant or professional man of his neighborhood. He does not know how well he lives, or can live, compared with men of the same amount of wealth in other professions. It is rare that when a farmer comes into possession of land, that he need lose it; while he, who procures a shop full of goods, may stand trembling, and dreading the approach of the neighboring sheriff. At the close of harvest, the farmer goes into his cellar, and it is filled with potatoes, apples, and other vegetables, and his barrels full of meat; step into his dairy-room, and, there arranged in order, are rows of cheese and firkins of butter, the housewife's pride. Pass into the granary, and there are the heaps of corn and grain, looking as if the



owner was in the wholesome trade. Go on further to the barn, and it is filled with hay and stock. This scene is not exhibited once in a lifetime, but it is repeated, and may be witnessed every year. There is something ennobling to the mind of the man who has a title to a piece of land — a title not received from his fellow-man, but as it were from Heaven itself. He at once feels conscious that the spot of land around him is his own. No feudal lord ever felt safer than he, as he surveys his fields. Whenever I meet with a really intelligent farmer, who loves his calling, loves his family, his neighbor, his country, and his God — a man who is surrounded with the comforts of life, and really enjoys them in the highest development of his social, intellectual and spiritual natures, I feel as though I was surveying the man who was best fitted of any one on earth to go back to that Eden of other days.

Much has been said and written respecting a farmer's occupation, as though it were really a very low calling, and required special effort to relieve it from that imputation. But, gentlemen, it is a low calling to him who **will make it so**. The man who is determined to be a merchant, may go into one of our large cities, traverse the streets and ditches, and pick up the bits of rags and paper and sell them, and be a **merchant**, but his calling, though honest, will be a very low one.

No, gentlemen, farming is honorable, just as you make it so. If you seek for improved modes of cultivation, if your eye is quick to detect the advantages of a new implement or machine, if you strive to make home comfortable, convenient, tasteful, but not extravagant, read a good agricultural paper, and other works on the same, and kindred subjects, learn to be a thinking as well as a working man, you are rendering your calling an honorable one. Lay aside the narrow prejudices of narrow minds, and look at your neighbor and your fellow man with expansive feelings of good will and benevolence, and feel that you are not alone in the world, but members of one great brotherhood. In this way you will honor your calling as farmers, and sustain the character of noble men."

## XX

### SUCCESSFUL FARMERS OF THE PAST

“Those who labor in the earth are the chosen people of God, if ever He had a chosen people.”

— Thomas Jefferson

Ansel Alley	Elias Garland
Edgar Bickford	Frank Gilman
Jesse Bickford	Albert Holmes
Ebenezer Blazo	Darling Huntress
Frank H. Brooks	Warren Libby
Lyman Burbank	George W. Libby
Nathaniel Burnell	Walter J. Libby
John Bradeen	Fred L. Mason
John Cartland	Frank L. Mason
Hanson L. Chapman	Moses Moulton
Eben Cousins	Gilman Norton
Moses Cross	Leslie E. Norton
Seth Day	Noyes Norton
John Durgin	Richard Norton
Clinton Durgin	W. T. Philbrick
David Fogg	Frank Pendexter
Daniel J. Fox & son Sheridan	Daniel D. Ridlon
Jonathan Fox	David A. Ridlon
George W. Fox	Edwin Ridlon
Moses Fox	Henry Ridlon
Jacob French	Herbert L. Ridlon
Warren French	Samuel Ridlon
Alpheus Gilpatrick	Amos Roberts





Spectacle Pond from Fox Ridge. Green Mountain, N. H., far right. Libby Hill at extreme right.



Libby Hill (Bald Face) as seen from the Woolen Mill before 1910. The open area below the summit, now grown up to forest, was a portion of the extensive Gibbs property that formerly included the Kezar Falls area, Porter side of river. In the upper part of this open space is the cellar of the George Gibbs home, bought in 1831 of Enoch Cousins, and sold in 1855 to Ezra Towle. The area round about Libby Hill is the oldest part of Porter, comprising the allotments of the first four settlers, John, Stephen, and Meshach Libby, and Michael Floyd.



Charles K. Garland  
 Frank Robbins  
 Alonzo Rounds  
 Stephen Rounds  
 Freeman Sawyer  
 William H. Sawyer  
 George E. Stacy  
 Jordan Stacy  
 Oliver Stacy  
 George Stanley

Charles Roberts  
 Elisha Stanley  
 William Taylor  
 Joseph Towle  
 Charles Trueworthy  
 Andrew Varney & son Milton  
 Ashley Weeks  
 Irving Weeks  
 William Weeks  
 Daniel Wentworth



## XXI

### NONAGENARIANS

	AGE	DIED
Amanda H. Stanley, (Mrs. John) .....	99	1944
Ellen M. Mason, (Mrs. John C.) .....	98	1926
Walter J. Libby .....	97	1952
Ezra Eastman .....	97	1948
Susan B. Norton, (Mrs.     ) .....	97	1910
Daniel Towle .....	95	1875
Ruth (née Gould) Stacey, (Mrs. John) .....	94	1865
Francena French (Mrs. John) .....	93	1950
Herbert Ridlon .....	93	1953
Mary (née Gould) Lord (Mrs. John) .....	94	1906
Almira Libby (Mrs. Daniel) .....	94	1929
Reliance Libby (Mrs. Nehemiah) .....	93	1931
Susan Holmes (Mrs. Albert J.) .....	93	1927
John Mason .....	93	1867
Stephen Libby .....	92	1855
Angie Fogg Stanley (Mrs. Elisha) .....	92	1921
Susan Sawyer (Mrs. Sewell) .....	92	1943
Fred Weeks .....	92	1909
William French .....	92	1869
Sarah T. Libby (Mrs. Randall) .....	92	1911
Charles D. Jordan .....	92	1936
Samuel Billings .....	92	1892
Vellie M. Gilman (Mrs. Frank) .....	91	1944
Olive Weeks (Mrs. Orin) .....	91	1948
Frank Pendexter .....	91	1952
Joel T. Libby .....	91	1918
Lestina Garland (Mrs. Charles) .....	91	1943

Phebe Stacy (Mrs. Samuel) .....	91	1921
Eliza N. Goodwin (Mrs. Frank P.) .....	90	1950
Miss Abbie McDonald .....	90	1924
Eben Cousins .....	90	1910
Major James French .....	90	1888
Ebenezer Blazo .....	90	1892
Abner McDonald (stonecutter) .....	90	1898
Hannah L. Gilpatrick (Mrs.) .....	90	1910
Ella Ridlon Cotton (Mrs. Wyman) .....	90	1944
Edward J. Stanley .....	90	1946
Clara Fowler (Mrs. Walter S.) .....	90	1949
Daniel Ridlon .....	90	1868

**Nonagenarians**  
(still living)

Jennie Spring (Mrs. Seth) .....	b. 1862
Georgia L. Durgin (Mrs. Clinton) .....	b. 1865
Lewis Thompson .....	b. 1865



## XXII

### WHO WAS DOING WHAT IN 1856

(Source of information: The Maine Register & Business  
Directory of 1856)

Auctioneers: L. F. Cummings

Benj. Larabee

Daniel Wentworth

Ephraim Wentworth

Cabinet Maker: Alexander Berry

Carpenters: J. Heard

George W. Lord

Clergyman: Joseph Stanley. Freewill Baptist.

Confectionary: Hazen W. Harriman

Country Stores: Ebenezer Blazo

George G. Stacy

Lorenzo D. Stanley & Moses N. Stanley

William Stanley

Edge Tool Maker: Leonard F. Cummings

Harness Maker: Stephen Danforth

Sawmills: James French

Stanley & Brooks

Postmasters: Porter Village, William Stanley

Kezar Falls, Gideon M. Randall

## XXIII

### BUSINESS PLACES OF 50 YEARS AGO

A survey of the business places in Porter, including all of Kezar Falls, reveals many changes during the past 50 years. Not only have business heads changed and signs disappeared, but a number of lines that were important business enterprises then have almost entirely dropped out of sight due to changed conditions and modes of living.

Auctioneer: Isaac M. Stanley.

Barbers: Fulton Davis. James Virtue.

Blacksmiths: Daniel Wentworth & son Everett. Stillman Pierce.  
Dennis McGraw.

Bobbin Manufactory: J. M. Merrifield & son William O.

Boot and Shoe Manufacturer: Moses Stacy. (Shop where Misses  
Avery and Lindberg live.)

Canning Factory: E. R. Batchelder, Supt.

Carpenters and Builders: Charles O. Stacy. Frank Palmer. Wil-  
liam Palmer. Wyman Cotton. W. F.  
Gilman. Elmer E. Ridlon.

Dressmakers: Mrs. Nettie Holmes. Mrs. Estelle Crowther. Miss  
Susan Chapman.

Grocers: Alvin Stanley & Amos Mason, at Porter Village. Ne-  
himiah Holmes and son William (Now Ridlon Bros.  
Store). Jacob L. Libby (K. P. Hall).

Harness Makers: Wm. Chapman & son James E. (Cor. Main and  
School Streets).

Hotel: Hotel Malvern, J. L. Quint, Prop.

Meat Markets: James W. Chapman & son Elmer E.  
David Stearns & son Frank E.





Kezar Falls Woolen Mill as it appeared in 1882. The only personnel here who have been identified are George W. Towle, *first on right*, one of the owners, and Allen F. Garner, *fourth from the right*, the first manager. The management and the ownership have been in the Garner family ever since. So efficiently has this mill been run that it is one of the very few remaining small-town woolen mills still in operation in New England. *From the left side*, the 11th is Sam Newton, the 16th Evans Sargent. Probably the 3rd from the right is Dr. Frank Devereaux.



Allen Garner, Manager, then owner of the Woolen Mill and of the first auto in Kezar Falls — around 1899 — seated with his daughter Eva.

Jeweler: Irving Mason.

Masons: Charles Garland & John H. Weeks, & Jacob Ridlon.

Millinery: Miss Florence Perkins. Mrs. Nettie Chapman Hickey.

Monumental Works: Joseph W. Gilpatric

Newspaper: Ossipee Valley Weekly.

Painters and Paperhangers: Edwin Edgecomb. Charles Wakefield.  
Harry Cutting. Fred Weeks. Walter  
Ridlon. John W. Rice. Sumner  
Boynton.

Photographer: Herman Pike.

Trucking: George Weeks — the father of Harold, Clark and Wil-  
lard Weeks. John Ridlon.

Undertaker: Eugene F. Stanley.

Veterinarian: Silas A. McDaniel.

Wagon and Sleigh Maker: Oris L. Mason — the father of Jacob L.  
Mason.



## XXIV

### WHO IS DOING WHAT IN 1956

- Apparel Shop: Miss Erma Giles, proprietor of "Giles Apparel Shop,"  
K. F.
- Auto Salesmen: Loring Champion; L. Randolph Churchill, Pres.  
Churchill Motors.
- Banker: J. Malcolm Stanley.
- Barbers: Delbert Mason; James Toothaker.
- Beauty Salons: Mrs. Martha Fadden, proprietor of "Fad-Mor Beauty  
Shop"; Mr. & Mrs. Warren Mason, proprietors of  
"Mason's Beauty Shop"; and the Flaggs, proprietors  
of "Flagg's Beauty Lounge."
- Bookkeepers: Gordon Davis; Clayton R. Locke; Myron T. Locke.
- Carpenters: John Chapman; Paul W. Stacy; Ralph H. Tucker;  
Fred Hammond.
- Civil Defence: Gordon C. West.
- Dentist: Dr. George E. Doe.
- Druggist: Myron H. Ridlon.
- Electricians: Whitman E. Day; Adrian Jenkins; Fairfield McDonald;  
Raymond Staples.
- Farmers: Jesse Brooks; Curtis Chapman; Frank Chapman; Maurice  
Durgin; Ray Garland; Arthur G. Gilman; Rinardo Giovan-  
ella; William Hasty; Ernest Lewis; Frank Littlefield;  
Harry Marston; LeRoy Metcalf; Winfield Norton; Rupert  
Norton; Lloyd E. Trueworthy; Ralph H. Tucker; Clarence  
Turner; Charles Walker; Frank Weeks.
- Fire Department: Kezar Falls Fire Dept.
- Game Warden: Murray Gilpatrick.

General Stores: Frank P. Goodwin, "Goodwin's General Store." K. F.  
Clarence Edgecomb, clerk.  
Norman Edgecomb, clerk.  
Robert Edgecomb, clerk.  
Jens K. Johansen, "General Store." Porter Village.  
Joseph W. Ridlon, "Ridlon Bros. General Store."  
K. F.

Grocers: Claude L. Kelly (retired), "Kelly's Cash Market." K. F.  
Carleton McLucas, "Kelly's Cash Market." K. F.  
Herbert McDonald, "Grocery." Porter Village.  
Raymond Ward, "Ward's Cash Market." K. F.

Hardware: Mrs. Ernest G. Caston, Clerk, Stationary, Norton's Hardware Co. K. F.

Hotel: Harold Jones, proprietor, Malvern Hotel, K. F.

Insurance: Willard L. Champion.

Jeweler: Carl J. Hammond.

Machinists: Michael A. Birnbach; Ernest L. Edwards; Carlton T. Fox, "Glen Bobbin Mill"; Curtis A. Fox, overseer, weaving dept., "K. F. Woolen Co."; Arthur Cartland (retired); Elton D. Merrifield; Harry A. Merrifield; Joseph W. Ridlon, "Kezar Falls Milling Co., Inc."

Mechanics: Cecil R. Gilpatrick, "Gil's Texaco Station." K. F.;  
Glen Leavitt, "Leavitt's Garage." K. F.

Milk Dealer: Rodney Stacey.

Mortician: Preston J. Stanley.

Nurses: Beulah Devine; Phyllis Eitel; Florence Garland; Minerva King; Maxine Lyle; Eloise Paulin; Mabel Sawyer (retired); Grace Smith (retired); Madeline Wakefield; Julia Warren; Phyllis Weller; Carolyn Wishman.

Nursing Home: Riverside View Nursing Home, K. F.

Oil Distributors: Harold Perkins; Howard Wescott.

Painters: Keith W. Cutting; Kenneth L. Wright.

Pastors: Miss Virginia Avery; Miss Dagmar Lindberg; Rev. Henry O. Megert; Rev. Irvin Verrill.

Photo Portrait Retouchers: James W. Reed; Horst Schulte.

Playhouse Theatre, Mgr. Harold Jones.





Center Schoolhouse (1918), near the Pound and the Porter Old Meeting House.



Center School (1918), with stiff pine seats, typical of district schools.



Sheriff: Verne Black.

School Teachers: Edith Cartland; Dorothy Davis; Gloria Stanley Davis; Evelyn Day (retired); Georgia Durgin (retired); Alice Edgecomb; Clara Lou Edgecomb; Lillian Emerson; Dorothea Hallett; Ellsworth Lebroke; Marion Lord; Arline Marsh; Leatrice Martin; Ruth Merrifield; Marie Norton; Maisie Searles; Wayne Stacy; May Stanley (retired); Harry True; Helen Wakefield (retired); Evelyn S. Watkins (retired); Verna Wentworth; Beryl Wescott.

Town Officers: Clerk, Mrs. Jessie Stacy.

Selectmen, Frederick A. Chapman; Whitman E. Day; Rinardo Giovanella.

Treasurer, Gordon Davis.

Tax Collector, Roland Stanley.

School Board, Paul W. Stacy; George E. Doe; Clifford Irving.

Superintendent of Schools, Carroll B. Ronco.

Road Commissioner, Sidney Libby.

Constable, Ellsworth Lebroke.

Trucking: Orion R. Stanley.

Variety Stores: Mrs. Phyllis Clark, "Phil's Yarn and This 'n' That Shop." K. F.; C. A. Parot, "Parot's Variety Store." Porter Village. Arnold Chase, "Variety Store," Porter Village. Adrian Jenkins, "Radio and Television Repair Shop," Porter Village. Frank E. Holmes, (retired), "Dry Goods," K. F.

### **Porter Census (1950): 1052 Persons.**

Here's some additional data respecting "who is who in business in Parsonsfield section of Kezar Falls":

L. F. Stacey & Sons, Elm Row Milk Farm.

Manuel Stacey, Construction.

Oxford Land and Lumber Company.

Industrial Box & Lumber Co., Inc.

J. F. Howe, Howe Oil Co.

Cornish and Kezar Falls Light and Power Co.



Neil Hamilton, Norton's Hardware Co.

Hazel B. Estabrooks, Estabrooks Restaurant.

Arthur A. Allard, Allard's Service Station.

Physicians: P. G. Marston, M.D.

Russell J. Patterson, O.D.

Lawyers: Sidney R. Batchelder.

Robert S. Batchelder.

Carroll S. West Post No. 123, of the American Legion.

## XXV

### OBITUARIES

Notices of deaths with biographical sketches of persons either natives of Porter or in other respects intimately associated with the town.

Banks, Olin L. (84), d. 1854. He was born in Parsonsfield, the son of Israel and Elvira Moulton Banks. Survived by his widow, Mrs. Mildred Boothby Banks; two nieces, Mrs. Gertrude Fox of Kezar Falls, and Mrs. Marion H. Watson (d.) of Boston, Mass., and one nephew, Frank Wentworth of Parsonsfield.

Bachelder, Edward Richardson (77), d. 1937. Born in Baldwin, the son of the late Edward Franklin and Elizabeth Guptil Bachelder. His father, who was a soldier in the Civil War, passed away on March 26, 1864 and was buried in Alexandria, La.

Bachelder's youth was spent in his native town. He worked many years for Nathan Sanborn, later for the MCRR; then for Fred Flint. He moved to Kezar Falls some time later, at which place he ran a hardware store for many years. He was one of the founders of Sokokis Lumber Company. He was a charter member of Hiram Lodge K of P and a member of Greenleaf Lodge of Masons at Cornish. His wife, the former Maria A. Lovejoy, died in 1928. Having sold his hardware store, about the year 1917, he operated a sheet metal shop until the time of his death. He served as town auditor for over 20 years, and as town treasurer. He was also a game inspector. He and Robert Fulton Wormwood — publisher of the Oxford County Record, used to go out on fishing and camping trips together for 25 years; and for two months each year, the two sportsmen spent the time at Bachelder's camp on Colcord Pond in Porter.



Benton, Peleg W. (74), d. 1937. He was the son of Albion and Sarah Wadsworth Benton, and was born in Hiram. He came to Parsonsfield at the age of three with his parents, and until 1923 was engaged in the milk business on the Benton Farm. He served on the board of selectmen at different periods for twenty-five years, besides holding the office of treasurer and tax collector. He was a State Representative in 1912-13; a member of the Knights of Pythias, Masons and Odd Fellows. He made Hotel Malvern his home for the past ten years. He is survived by a son, Albion Benton, and a granddaughter, Mary Benton of Biddeford, also a sister, Mrs. Freeman Newcomb.

Bowie, Gertrude Ridlon (69), d. 1951. She died at her home on Thorn Mountain, Jackson, N. H. Mrs. Bowie was born in Porter, the daughter of Herbert L. and Ella R. Ridlon. She married Freeman Bowie of Baldwin in 1904. Her father died in 1953 at the age of 94.

Bradeen, John G. (57), d. Aug. 21, 1924. Mr. Bradeen was the only son of John and Hannah Fox Bradeen, and was born on a farm in the "Lord Neighborhood" of Porter, Aug. 14, 1867. He left the following survivors: One sister, Mrs. Eliza Goodwin of Kezar Falls; three nephews, several nieces and cousins. Rev. William Cotton officiated at the funeral services. Burial was in the family lot at South Hiram.

Brooks, Mrs. Nellie R. (84), d. 1953. Born in Porter, she died at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Stanley.

Mrs. Brooks was the daughter of George and Mary Ridlon. She attended the Porter schools and later taught in Porter and Parsonsfield. She married Frank Brooks in 1886 and he died in 1941. She was a charter member of the Pythian Sisters, a member of the Porter Baptist Church and of the Methodist Women's Society. Surviving besides her daughter are four nieces in Massachusetts.

Burgess, Mrs. Hazel D. (59), d. 1944. Mrs. Burgess was born in Hiram; became a school teacher. She was the daughter of Silas B. and Maybelle Wadleigh Durgin. Surviving, besides her husband, Edwin W. Burgess, is one daughter, Mrs. Beryl Wescott of Kezar

Falls; two grandchildren, Marilyn and Edwin Wescott; one uncle, Henry Wadleigh of Limerick, and three cousins, Mrs. Jennie Chellis of Kezar Falls, Miss Nina Wadsworth of Cornish and Mrs. Leslie Warren of Portland.

Caston, Dr. Ernest G. (54), d. 1944. Dr. Caston was born on Feb. 11, 1890, in Pittston, Maine. He graduated from Bridge Academy, Dresden, Maine, in 1908, and from the University of Pennsylvania Dental School in 1913. He came to Kezar Falls to practice dentistry in the same year and remained there until his death, March 14, 1944. Dr. Caston was a member of the Masonic Lodge, The Eastern Star, Knights of Pythias, and was President of the Kiwanis Club in 1943.

Chapman, Chauncey W. L. (53), d. 1946. Assistant professor of forestry at the University of Maine. He died at his home, 13 Park Street, Orono, Me. Prof. Chapman passed much of his early life at Porter and Kezar Falls. He served, with the rank of Major, in the First World War. He joined the faculty of the U. of M. in 1919. He is survived by his widow, Mildred Lombard Chapman; twin daughters, Mary Joan and Mildred Lombard, all of Orono.

Chapman, Curtis (65), d. 1948. He died on his farm in Porter. He was the son of Hanson and Emerline Stacy Chapman. Surviving are his wife, Pauline Miller Chapman; a daughter, Mrs. Gladys McGraw of Glen, N. H.; three sons, Oliver, Frederick and Curtis; two brothers, Everett and John; a sister, Mrs. Nellie Warren, and nine grandchildren.

Chapman, Elmer E. (77), d. Dec. 1938. Mr. Chapman was born in Porter; the son of James W. and Abbie Ridlon Chapman. He was married to Charlotte Lord in 1884. Mr. Chapman had been for many years a dealer and shipper of cattle to the Brighton Market. He was for some time associated with his father in business; taking charge upon the death of his father, and following his retirement in 1926, had been engaged in buying and shipping poultry. Mr. Chapman was a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Red Men. Besides his wife — see below, he left a foster-daughter, Mrs. Ruth Bradshaw; a niece and several nephews.

Chapman, James Edgar (68), d. 1931. Mr. Chapman was born in the home where he died; the son of William and Jane Ridlon Chap-



man. Except for a few years spent in Boston, he had always lived here. He had been in the harness business for about forty-five years. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Jeanie Stuart Chapman, and a daughter, Mrs. Enola Stuart Kavanaugh (d. 1951) of Wilmington, Del.

Chapman, Charlotte Lord (76), d. May 1943. Mrs. Chapman was born in Porter, May 8, 1866; the daughter of Albert and Lydia Bickford Lord. She was a charter member of the Ladies Magazine Reading Club and of the Kezar Falls Library Association. Mrs. Chapman had been a member of the Riverside Methodist Church of Kezar Falls since 1903, and for many years sang in the choir.

Chapman, Jessie M. (73), d. 1939. She was the daughter of Edmund P. and Zelma Philbrook Sawyer. She was born in Eaton, N. H., and died at her home in Porter. The only surviving relative is her husband, Oliver S. Chapman.

Chapman, Moses Jordan (60), d. 1937. Mr. Chapman was by trade a harness maker. He was the son of Hanson and Emeline Chapman; married in 1905 to Nellie Dinsmore of Boston, Mass. They resided on a farm here for several years, then went to Fryeburg, Me., where he conducted a harness shop. Later, they were in charge of the Porter Town Farm for two years, then returned to their Kezar Falls home. Surviving are four brothers, John A., Everett H. of Sanford, Curtis F., and Oliver S.; three sisters, Mrs. Laura Tucker, Mrs. Nellie Warren and Mrs. Apphia M. Ridlon.

Chase, Sarah Campbell (62), d. Aug. 29, 1956. Mrs. Chase was born in Tyrone, Ireland, June 23, 1894, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, and received her education there. She came to the United States when about 14 years old and lived with a sister in Baltimore, Md. She was married to Arnold Chase in 1918; came to North Parsonsfield in 1922; moved to Porter Village in 1936, appointed postmaster of the Porter Village office on June 21, 1946.

Mrs. Chase was a member of St. Matthews Catholic Church in Limerick; Porter Grange No. 569; West-Day Unit American Legion Auxiliary, Kezar Falls; Kezar Falls Extension Group, and a weekly bridge club.

Besides her husband, she is survived by three sons, Joseph McManus, Fairlee Hills, Pa.; Walter and David Chase, both of Porter

Village; three daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Nuzzo, Miami, Fla.; Mrs. Clara Detorrie, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. Katherine Roussey, Bronson, Michigan; 18 grandchildren and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were held at St. Matthews Church, Limerick. Interment was in Riverside Cemetery, Kezar Falls.

Chellis, (née Eva Garner) Mrs. Wm. M. (65), d. 1938. Mrs. Chellis was born in Lewiston, Me., the daughter of Allen and Mary Jordan Garner. She came to Kezar Falls with her parents at the age of eight. She was active in church and club work. Surviving: her husband, William M. Chellis (d. 1948); a son, Allen M.; a daughter, Margaret L.; two sisters, Mrs. Alice G. Merrifield (d. 1946) and Mrs. Florence G. Norton; a brother, William A. Garner (d. 1954), and several nephews and nieces.

Chellis, Dr. Edwin Ruthven (74), d. 1925. Dr. Chellis was for more than 50 years a practicing physician in Kezar Falls. He was born in the town of Newfield, and was a graduate of the Philadelphia Medical School. Dr. Chellis filled many town offices. Dr. Chellis built "Hotel Manowondo," now known as "Hotel Malvern," in about the year, 1887. C. E. Hubbard was its first proprietor. He also built the Movie Hall which was originally named Meonian Hall. In 1919, he was Representative to the Legislature from the town of Hiram. He was a member of the Parsonsfield Lodge of Masons. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. (née Jennie V. Wadsworth) Chellis; three nephews, William of Kezar Falls, Dr. E. O. Chellis of Reading, Vt., and Allic of Biddeford.

Churchill, Mrs. Ida B. (82), d. 1952. Mrs. Churchill was born in the town of Parsonsfield; the daughter of George Frank Chapman and Mary Hussey Chapman. She married Charles Clarence Churchill who died in 1905. Her early life was spent in Parsonsfield, but she moved to Kezar Falls in 1922 and has lived there for the past thirty years. Mrs. Churchill died at the home of her son, Mr. L. Randolph Churchill.

Cousins, Ebenezer (90), d. 1910. Mr. Cousins was born in Porter, Jan. 11, 1820, the son of Enoch (b. Cornish, March 24, 1788; d. May 4, 1879) and Ruth Cousins (1790-1861). He married Jimima Weeks, daughter of Josiah Weeks of Porter, on Dec. 29, 1842. His wife



died on Aug. 7, 1883. They had 12 children — eight survived at the time of his death.

"Uncle Edwin," as Ebenezer was familiarly called, was an honest man, a good neighbor and townsman, whose word was regarded sacred. He was long a consistent communicant of the M. E. Church. He lived on the parental homestead near Spectacle Pond as a farmer — he also worked as a wheelwright, blacksmith and carpenter. His father, Enoch, in his early life "followed the sea" for 14 years, then settled in Porter about 1819. He never outlived the influence of his early sea-faring life, and when an old man — he lived to be 93, was fond of "spinning sailor yarns."

Cross, Mrs. Gertrude Sullivan (68), d. Jan. 15, 1948. Mrs. Cross was born in Glasgow, N. S., and had been a resident of Kezar Falls for many years. Surviving are her husband, Perley A. Cross; a son, Clyde, and a daughter, Mrs. Minerva Cross King of Riverside, R. I., and three grandchildren.

Cole, Mrs. Hannah Stanley (83), d. 1935. The widow of Clinton Cole, a veteran of the Civil War, who died about 1925; a native of Brownfield. Mrs. Cole was born in Porter. She died at the home of her son, Hollis Cole, who lives on Eaton Road, Conway, N. H.

Cross, Harriet Colcord (67), d. 1951. Mrs. Cross was born at Beverly, Mass., the daughter of Edward Colcord and Carrie Hinkley Colcord, both natives of Parsonsfield. She was employed as librarian in Newark, N. J., for several years, and later worked at the Charles Noyes & Company, N. Y. Following her retirement, she came to Kezar Falls where she married, in 1949, Mr. Perley A. Cross.

Crowther, Mrs. Estella (79), d. 1939. Mrs. Crowther was born in Porter; the daughter of Albion K. P. and Lydia Gould Fox. She was the widow of Joseph Crowther. She died at Chelsea, Mass.

Cutting, Harry Eugene (83), d. 1950. Mr. Cutting was born in Manchester, N. H., and operated a grocery store in Freedom, N. H. He also worked as a painter and paperhanger. He lived in Kezar Falls for thirty-two years; a member of the Masonic Lodge and attending the Riverside Methodist Church. Mr. Cutting was known as a musician. He married Gertrude Parsons of Effingham, N. H., in 1893. She died in Kezar Falls in 1944. Surviving are three sons,

Keith, Chauncy and Russell, also seven grandchildren.

Cutting, Russell H. (55), d. 1955. Mr. Cutting was born at Freedom, N. H., the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cutting. He attended the schools there and in 1920 moved to Kezar Falls with his family where he has resided since that time. Mr. Cutting was a painter by trade and for many years was employed by the Kezar Falls Woolen Co. Besides his wife, Frances Sawyer Cutting, he is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Barbara Libby of Limington, and one son, Russell Cutting, Jr., who is employed at General Electric Co., Limerick; two brothers, Chauncey and Keith, both of Kezar Falls and several nephews and one niece.

Cutting, Sherman U. (80), d. 1946. Mr. Cutting was born at Weld, Me., the son of William and Sarah Pulsifer Cutting. He was a graduate of the University of New Hampshire and had been a lumber surveyor in both Maine and New Hampshire for several years. He served on the board of selectmen of the town of Porter for ten years, and was a member of the Improved Order of Red Men Lodge of Ossipee, N. H. He was a resident of Kezar Falls for twenty-five years. He died at the home of his daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Nielson of Cape Elizabeth. Surviving are one son, Arnold; five daughters, Mrs. Doris Nielson of Cape Elizabeth, Mrs. Lona Day of Porter, Mrs. Louise Meloon and Mrs. Bertha Day of Kezar Falls; Nineteen grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

Davis, Mrs. Jennie B. (63), d. 1948. Mrs. Davis was born at Red Beach, Maine, the daughter of William and Georgianna Bouvard. She taught school at Red Beach as a young woman, and was later employed in Portland. She married Arthur Davis in 1910. Surviving are, her husband, two sons, Harry and Gordon Davis of Kezar Falls; three daughters, Dorothy of Kezar Falls, Beulah of Portland and Mrs. Harry Bartch of South Portland; two sisters, Mrs. Maud Martin of South Portland and Mrs. Anna Chisholm of Red Beach; one brother, Bernard Bouvard of South Brewer; five grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Day, Seth I. (82), d. 1942. Mr. Day was born in Cornish, the son of Alvah and Sophronia (Eastman) Day. He was twice mar-



ried — his first wife was Eunice M. Bradeen of Cornish. The couple later moved to Porterfield in the town of Porter where six children were born; four sons and two daughters. Following the death of his wife in 1907, Mr. Day later married Mary E. Bickford and moved to Porter Center on the Old Meeting House Road where he lived for thirty-three years, and where he died. Mr. Day served as selectman for the town of Porter for many years, and had also been a road commissioner. Surviving are four sons, Willis, Perley, Harold and Leslie Day; one daughter, Mrs. Earle Chamberlain of Brownfield; thirteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, also several nieces and nephews. Mrs. Seth I. Day died in 1941.

Devereux, Dr. Frank G. (76), d. 1935. Dr. Devereux was born in Boston, Mass., the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Devereux. The Devereuxs moved to Maine to live for a few years, and Frank G. attended the Westbrook Seminary, and later studied medicine with Dr. Moses E. Swett of Parsonsfield; following which he attended lecture courses at Bowdoin Medical School and at the New York College of Physicians and Surgeons. He graduated from the latter institution in 1880. After spending several months in Bellevue Hospital and the Chambers Street Hospital in New York City, he went to Kezar Falls where he began his practice. Dr. Devereux had been a practicing Physician at Kezar Falls for more than fifty years, and prominent in the business and industrial life of the community.

Dr. Devereux was president of the Kezar Falls Woolen Company, of the Kezar Falls Water Company and of the Cornish and Kezar Falls Light and Power Company. He was also vice president of the Kezar Falls National Bank. Dr. Devereux was a member of Masonic bodies, including Greenleaf Lodge of Cornish and Korah Temple, Order of the Mystic Shrine.

Devereux, Mrs. Evelyn S. (83), d. 1951. Mrs. Devereux was the widow of Dr. Devereux. She was born in Porter, the daughter of William and Ruth Taylor Ridlon. She taught music in Kezar Falls for several years. Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Bertha Garner, wife of William A. Garner of Kezar Falls; a niece, Miss Ruth Garner and two nephews, Allen F. and John W. Garner.

Doe, Mrs. Bertha M. (66), d. 1951. Mrs. Doe was born in Por-

ter, the daughter of Annie Stacy and Robert Fulton Wormwood. She was one of the first teachers at Porter High School when it was established. Miss Wormwood married Herbert S. Doe of Parsonsfield in 1904. He died in 1920. Mrs. Doe resumed teaching in the grade schools of Porter following the death of her husband; this work she continued for some time, and later was employed by the Kezar Falls Woolen Company where she remained for twenty-five years as manager of the remnant and cloth room. Surviving are one sister, Mrs. Florence Wormwood Garland, R. N.; two daughters, Mrs. Muriel Thurneysen of Denver, Colorado, and Mrs. Esther Spencer, wife of Judge Spencer of Kennebunkport; one son, Dr. George E. Doe of Kezar Falls, and six grandchildren.

Durgin, Alfred E. (65), d. 1949. Mr. Durgin was born in Porter, the son of Joseph and Mary Durgin, both natives of Porter. He lived in Boston, Mass., for more than thirty years. He died at the home of his cousin, Mrs. Ludo Chapman. Surviving are his cousin, Mrs. Chapman; three brothers, Joe, May Durgin of Steep Falls, Austin Durgin of Hollis and Lucian Durgin of Kezar Falls; a sister, Mrs. Mildred S. Jones of Wolfboro, N. H.

Durgin, Mrs. Alice S. (84), d. 1954. Mrs. Durgin was the daughter of Newton T. and Harriett Kimball Sandborn. She and her husband, William Durgin (d. 1934), lived on a farm in Porterfield. They moved to Kezar Falls in 1909. Mrs. Durgin died at the home of her niece, Mrs. George Day of Porter.

Durgin, John (85), d. 1947. Mr. Durgin was born in Porter, the son of Daniel Durgin and Mary Ridlon Durgin. His wife, Myrtle E. Durgin died in 1941. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Owen Stacey, with whom he lived, and three grandchildren, Owen Stacey, Jr., Lillian and Mary Stacey.

NOTE: The first Durgin Family Reunion at Kezar Falls was held on one Sunday in 1936, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Durgin. Twenty-six members of the Durgin Family were present, coming from Kezar Falls, Bridgton, Wolfboro, N. H., and Newton, Mass.

Eastman, Ezra (97), d. 1948. Mr. Eastman was the oldest resident of Porter at the time of his death. He was the son of Edmund and



Sarah Eastman; born in Porter, and had lived there all his life. Surviving are six children: Mrs. Cora Leavitt, Clayton, Arthur, Elmer — of Kezar Falls, Forest Eastman of Fryeburg, and Charles Eastman of Somerville, Mass.

Eastman, Rodney (17), d. 1954. His death was due to an automobile accident in Gorham. He was born in Porter, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Eastman. Until recently, he had made his home with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Eastman of Porter.

Edgecomb, Frank M. (72), d. 1941. Mr. Edgecomb was born on the old Edgecomb place, the son of Andrew and Sarah Jane Martin Edgecomb. He had been employed from young manhood until his retirement a few years ago by W. T. Norton in the grocery and hardware business. He had also been a selectman and tax collector; a member of the Red Men for more than forty years. Mr. Edgecomb was a talented violinist, taught many years and was leader of the town orchestra. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Dora Pugsley Edgecomb; a brother, Eugene W. Edgecomb; a sister, Gertrude E. Edgecomb of Rochester, N. H.; and several nieces and nephews.

Estes, Harry J. (70), d. 1953. He was born in Limington, and died at his home in Kezar Falls. Mr. Estes lived in Kezar Falls for more than 40 years. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Evelyn Garland Estes; one daughter, Mrs. Elnora Illsley; a brother, Percy Estes of Baldwin; a sister, Mrs. Nora Norton of Portland; four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Elliott, Elwood E. (65), d. 1936. Mr. Elliott was a native of Parsonsfield, the son of Joshua and Lizzie Harriman Elliott, and it was at the age of nine that he began doing odd jobs about the Kezar Falls mill. He was for 17 years boss weaver and then assumed the duties of superintendent, which position he held for 18 years. He was a member of Ossipee Lodge Knights of Pythias; Costello Tribe of Red Men and Drummond Lodge of Masons. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Eliza Demeritt Elliott, two sons, George H. of Kezar Falls and Herbert E. of Bar Harbor; a daughter, Mrs. Maxine Fuller of Colebrook, N. H.; a brother, C. D. Elliott; a sister, Mary F. Pike, and three grandchildren.

Fox, Miss Abra E. (84), d. 1945. Miss Fox was the daughter of

George and Hannah Gould Fox, and was born on the homestead farm in Porter. She was an honorary and charter member of the Ladies' Magazine Reading Club, and a member of Neola Council No. 14, Daughters of Pocahontas and attended the Riverside Methodist Church. Miss Fox died at the home of Miss Edith L. Gillmor of South Hiram, with whom she had made her home since the New Year (1945) — four and a half months before her passing.

NOTE: The "Abra Fox Farm" was the scene of the 40th Stanley-Gould Reunion. This home, which has sheltered three generations of the Fox Family, stands near the location of the original home of the ancestor, Bartholomew Gould (1774-1855). After his marriage to Mary Goodwin of Wells in 1798, they settled on this farm and raised a family of nine children. Their oldest child, Abigail, married Calvin Fox in 1822 — she was the grandmother of Miss Abra E. Fox.

Fox, Albion K. P. (101), d. May 28, 1956. Mr. Fox, last charter member of Ossipee Lodge No. 40, K. of P. and one of the oldest Knights of Pythias in the United States, died in a Malden, Mass., nursing home.

He was born in Saco, Nov. 6, 1854, the son of Albion and Lydia Gould Fox, who were life-long residents of Kezar Falls. He was married to the late Martha Alley of Parsonsfield in 1884. Mr. Fox moved to Massachusetts in 1908, but was a frequent visitor here until he became ill in 1952.

Mr. Fox is survived by a son, Dr. Merwin K. Fox of Malden; a daughter, Miss Norma E. Fox, Boston; and two nieces, the Misses Mary and Florence Crowther of Boston. Funeral services were held in the Sprague Funeral Home, Malden. Interment was in Forestdale Cemetery, Malden.

Fox, Mrs. Clara (65), d. 1936. Mrs. Fox was born in Porter, the daughter of Jeremiah and Abigail Sargent Pugsley. Surviving are her husband, Bertrand G. Fox; two daughters, Miss Vena Fox of Lyons, N. J., and Mrs. Percy Garland of Conway Center, N. H.; two sons, Theodore Fox of Passaic, N. J., and Robert Fox of Northampton, Mass.; one brother, Charles H. Pugsley; three sisters, Mrs. Charles Rounds of Passaic, N. J., Mrs. Frank M. Edgecomb and Mrs. Delia Champion of Kezar Falls.



Fox, Francis Albert (59), d. 1916. Mr. Fox was born in Porter, the son of George W. Fox. His great-grandfather, John Fox, came from Gilmanton, N. H., in 1801. Francis A. began attending school at the age of eight; later studied at the New Hampton Literary Institute for two years. He first taught nineteen terms of school then entered the law offices of Mattocks, Coombs and Neal of Portland. He was admitted to the Oxford County Bar in 1889, and this same year was elected to the Maine Legislature. Mr. Fox was elected twice — 1899 and 1904, as superintendent of schools of the town of Porter. His law office was located on the second floor of the Frank Holmes building near the bridge on the Porter side of the Ossipee River. Mr. Fox married Gertrude Watson in 1914.

Fox, Mrs. Gertrude (69), d. 1937. Mrs. Fox, the widow of Francis A. Fox, was born in Cornish, the daughter of Charles F. and Josephine Pugsley Watson. She died at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Elsie Watson. Mrs. Fox is survived by a sister, Mrs. Maude Stacy; six nephews and five nieces.

Fox, Lillian Brooks (27), d. 1918. She was born in Porter, the oldest daughter of Frank H. and Nellie Ridlon Brooks; married to Mr. Curtis Fox in 1911. Surviving were her husband, one sister, Mrs. Mildred Stanley, and her mother and father.

French, Mrs. Emma Stanley (82), d. 1941. Mrs. French was born in Porter, the daughter of John Stanley and Martha J. Fox Stanley. She died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Percy Stanley of Kezar Falls.

French, Mrs. Francena (93), d. 1950. Mrs. French was born at Saco, the daughter of Ezra James and Susan Towle. She was the widow of John S. French. Surviving are two sons, George W. French of Bloomfield, N. J., and Parsonsfield; William R. French (d. 1953) of North Lovell; a daughter, Mrs. Mabel Bragdon of Portland; two brothers, Everett Towle of Parsonsfield (d. 1952), and Fred Towle (d. 1956) of Kezar Falls.

French, Mrs. Nellie G. Ridlon (82), d. 1949. Mrs. French was a native of Kezar Falls, the daughter of Magnus and Emily Emery Ridlon. She was the widow of Frederick M. French of Cambridge, Mass. She and her husband lived at Cambridge for 38 years, then

returned to live on the family homestead here until the death of Mr. French. Mrs. French later went to live in Bangor, Me., for some time, then returned to Cambridge where she remained until her death.

French, Mrs. Nettie Holmes (87), d. Sept. 27, 1950. Mrs. French was born in Porter; the daughter of John and Martha J. Stanley. She had been engaged in business in Kezar Falls for over 50 years. For the past 40 years she had operated a dry goods store and filling station with her son, Frank E. Holmes.

Mrs. French was a member of the Advent Christian Church.

French, Jacob M. (85), d. 1941. Mr. French was a retired farmer. He was born in Porter, the son of Samuel and Mary Hurd French. His wife died a few weeks after his death. He was a member of Ossipee Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of Kezar Falls, and also a member of the Freewill Baptist Church in Porter. Surviving, besides his widow, are four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

French, William R. (73), d. 1953. Mr. French was born in the town of Porter, on Aug. 7, 1879, the son of John S. and Francena Towle French. He attended several common schools in Parsonsfield, and the Parsonsfield Seminary in 1895-97. Mr. French travelled extensively during the period 1902-1912, working at diverse occupations — on ranches, in mines and mills. He was employed as a guide, caretaker and instructor in woodcraft at Brown's Camps on Kezar Lake at Lovell for several years. He was well known as a naturalist. In 1926, Mr. French built and operated overnight cabins at "Indian Glen" on the Ossipee Trail (Route 25), about a mile and a half above Porter Village. He became a warden in the Maine Inland Fish and Game Department in 1927, retiring in 1945 at the age of 66. Surviving are a brother, George W. French of Bloomfield, N. J. and Parsonsfield; a sister, Mrs. Mabel Bragdon of Portland; a nephew, Donald French, and a niece, Mrs. Barbara S. Zahn, both of Bloomfield, N. J. Mr. French died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Hussey, Federal Road, Kezar Falls. Services were held at the Stanley Funeral Home with Rev. Henry O. Megert of the Riverside Methodist Church officiating. Interment was in the Riverside Cemetery. Bearers were Verne M. Black, Murry Gilpatrick, Allen Sawyer,



Sr. and Perley A. Cross.

Garland, Mrs. Elias (70), d. 1934. Mrs. Garland was born in Porter, the daughter of Freeman and Mary Lord Stacy. She leaves, besides her husband, Elias R. Garland (d. 1940), a son, Raymond G. Garland of Porter; two brothers, Sherman Stacy of Boston and William Stacy of Kezar Falls; a sister, Mrs. Bernice Stacy Goodwin of Kezar Falls.

Garland, Elias R. (78), d. 1940. Mr. Garland died at the home of his son, Raymond G. Garland. He was the son of William Henry and Eliza Jane Rice Garland and was born in Freedom, N. H. Surviving are one son, Raymond G. Garland, and one brother, Roscoe Garland.

Garner, Allen (83), d. 1925. Mr. Garner was born in England, coming to these United States at the age of twelve with his widowed mother and two sisters. He came to Kezar Falls from Lewiston, where he had acquired his knowledge of the textile trade, in 1881 as an agent of the Kezar Falls Woolen Company. Mr. Garner was interested in everything that pertained to the civic welfare of the community. One of his many contributions was toward building the public library. At the time of his death, which took place on March 25, 1925, he was president of the Kezar Falls National Bank and of the Cornish and Kezar Falls Light and Power Company; treasurer of the Kezar Falls Woolen Company, and president of the Kezar Falls Water Company. Mr. Garner was a member of the Masons, Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias, and had served as a trustee of the Riverside Methodist Church. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. (née Mary D. Jordan) Garner (d. 1934); a son, William A. (d. 1954), and three daughters, Mrs. Alice Merrifield (d. 1946), Mrs. Eva Chellis (d. 1938), and Mrs. Florence Norton.

Garner, Mrs. Mary Jordan. Mrs. Garner, who died on Feb. 27, 1934, was born at West Derby, England. She came to this country with her mother; married Mr. Allen Garner in 1865, and they came to Kezar Falls in 1881. Mrs. Garner had long been identified with community affairs. Surviving at the time of her death were four children, Wm. A. Garner, Mrs. Alice Merryfield, Mrs. Eva Chellis and Mrs. Florence Norton; eight gandchildren, Allan Garner, Ruth

Garner, John Garner, Allan Chellis, Margaret Chellis, Harry Merri-field, Charles Fox and Carleton Fox.

Garner, William A. (78), d. 1954. Mr. Garner was born in Lewiston, Maine, the son of Allen and Mary Jordan Garner. He was educated in the public schools of Kezar Falls; a graduate of Parsonsfield Seminary and the Philadelphia Textile School. He was general manager of the Kezar Falls Woolen Company for many years and served as treasurer until his death which occurred at his summer home at Pine Point, Maine. Mr. Garner had also been president of the Kezar Falls National Bank and the Oxford Land and Lumber Company, and treasurer of the Cornish & Kezar Falls Light and Power Company. He was a 50-year member of Drummond Lodge, No. 118, AF & AM, and a life member of Ossipee Lodge No. 40, Knights of Pythias. He was a charter member of the Kezar Falls Kiwanis Club. Mr. Garner was widely known for his outstanding achievements in the business world, and his leadership and enthusiastic support was influential in many community and state projects. Mr. Garner married Bertha M. Ridlon in 1901. Surviving are his widow; one daughter, Miss Ruth E. Garner; two sons, Allan F. and John W.; one sister, Mrs. Florence G. Norton; six grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Giles, Edgar L. (80), d. Aug. 31, 1956. Mr. Giles was born Aug. 20, 1876, in Eaton, N. H.; the son of John and Ellen Ellis Giles. He received his education in the schools of Eaton, and as a young man was a shoe worker in Manchester, N. H., and Lawrence, Mass. He married Alice M. Brooks of Eaton on Oct. 21, 1903. They came to Kezar Falls in 1911 and subsequently became proprietor of Hotel Malvern, which position he held until his retirement in 1946. He was actively engaged in real estate, lumber and cattle business for many years. He was interested and prominent in all affairs of the town, and had served about 30 years on the Board of Assessors for the Porter-Kezar Falls Village Corporation and many years on the Porter Republican Town Committee, and for two years served as an Oxford County Deputy Sheriff.

Mr. Giles was a charter member of the Kezar Falls Kiwanis Club; a member of the Masonic order; a former member of Ossipee Lodge,



Knights of Pythias, Kezar Falls, and a member of the Parsonsfield-Porter Historical Society. Mr. and Mrs. Giles observed their 50th wedding anniversary in 1953.

Mr. Giles is survived by his widow, Alice Giles; one son, Howard A. Giles of Biddeford; two daughters, Miss Erma Giles of Kezar Falls and Mrs. Everett W. Emerson of Farmington, N. H.; one brother, Thomas Giles of Portland; one sister, Miss Clara Giles of Farmington, N. H., and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at the Stanley Funeral Home, Kezar Falls, with Rev. Henry O. Megert of the Riverside Methodist Church officiating. Interment was in Riverside Cemetery, Kezar Falls.

Gilman, Frank W. (86), d. Sept. 2, 1940. Mr. Gilman was born in Tamworth, N. H., June 22, 1854; the son of George W. and Elinor Bickford Gilman. On June 7, 1881, he married Veldina M. Bickford, the daughter of Jesse Bickford, and since then had made his home on the Bickford Farm. As a young man he learned the carpenter's trade which he followed until about 10 years before his death. He assisted in building several railroad stations for the Maine Central Railway. Mr. Gilman was the oldest male resident of Porter at the time of his death.

Gilman, Mrs. Veldina M. Bickford (91), d. Jan. 1, 1944. Mrs. Gilman was born on the homestead farm, Porter, Aug. 8, 1852; the daughter of Jesse and Lucy French Bickford. She spent her entire life on the farm — the oldest resident of Porter in 1944. Mrs. Gilman had been a member of the Methodist Church for more than 80 years!

Surviving are two sons, Arthur, with whom she lived, and Herman of West Fryeburg; one daughter, Mrs. Viola Pratt of Kezar Falls; 8 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

Gilpatrick, Owen P. (49), d. 1943. Mr. Gilpatrick died at his home on Brownfield Road, South Hiram. He was the son of Caleb W. and Elizabeth Lord Gilpatrick of Hiram. Surviving, besides his widow, Mrs. Lillian Whalen Gilpatrick, are one son, Maynard; three sisters, Mrs. Josie P. Perry of Cornish, Mrs. Achsah M. Adams of Hiram and Porter, Mrs. Celia F. Holland; his father, Caleb W. Gilpatrick, and several nieces and nephews.

Gilpatrick, Alpheus (85), d. 1938. Mr. Gilpatrick was born in Hiram, but moved to Porter when a young man. He was the son of Alpheus and Hannah Boynton Gilpatrick. He died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Byron Lord, on River Street. Funeral services were held at the home with the Pentecostal Evangelists, the Misses Dagmar Lindberg and Virginia, officiating. Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Lyman Gilpatrick and Mrs. Arthur Lord of Wolfboro, N. H., Mrs. Sheridan Champion and Mrs. Byron Lord of Kezar Falls; seven grandchildren, Mrs. William Kane of North Conway, N. H., Mrs. Reginald McDaniel of Bridgton, Chalmers Lord of New York City, Flora and Iris Lord of Wolfboro, N. H., Howard Wescott of Kezar Falls, Mrs. Percy Peers and Mavis Champion of Kezar Falls; five great-grandchildren.

Gilpatrick, Caleb (82), d. 1948. Mr. Gilpatrick was born in Hiram, the son of George and Elizabeth Boynton. He spent his entire life in Hiram. Since a young man, Mr. Gilpatrick had been a member of Ossipee Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and had been issued a life membership of the Hiram Lodge. He died at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Holland of South Hiram. Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Celia Holland, Mrs. Achsah Adams and Mrs. Josie Perry; several grandchildren.

Goodwin, Alton (72), d. 1950. Mr. Goodwin was born in Hiram, the son of Frank P. and Eliza Bradeen Goodwin. He received his early education in the schools of that town, and was a graduate of Cornish High School. He was for many years a builder and carpenter, and a retailer of building material. He was a former member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and was affiliated with Charter Oak Grange of South Hiram, and the Contello Tribe of Red Men of Kezar Falls. Mr. Goodwin died at his home on Summer Street, Kezar Falls. Surviving are his widow, Bernice Stacy Goodwin; a daughter, Mrs. Helen Ainsworth of South Peabody, Mass.; two grandchildren, Richard and Susan Ainsworth; a brother, Frank P. Goodwin of Kezar Falls; a sister, Mrs. Edith Edgecomb Ford of Lawrence, Mass.; several nieces and nephews.

Goodwin, Mrs. Eliza N. (90), d. 1950. Mrs. Goodwin was born in Porter, the daughter of John and Hannah Jane Fox Bradeen. She



married Frank P. Goodwin in 1877, and for thirty years they lived at the "New Settlement" in Hiram. Mrs. Goodwin died at the home of her son, Frank P. Goodwin, Jr., on Summer Street, Kezar Falls (town of Porter). Surviving are her son, Frank P.; one daughter, Mrs. Edith Edgecomb Ford; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one nephew and three nieces.

Gould, Samuel W. (83), d. 1935. S. W. Gould was born in Porter on Jan. 1, 1852; the son of Eldrich and Ruth Clements Gould. His boyhood was spent in Hiram, and his college preparation at the Parsonsfield Seminary in North Parsonsfield. He worked as a quarryman at Gloucester, Mass., during vacation. He was graduated from the University of Maine in 1877, majoring in engineering. While attending college, he constructed the first fraternity house on the campus, he also built the first hen house behind the college buildings which ultimately evolved into the Agricultural College. Mr. Gould studied law in the office of Ayr and Clifford in the village of Cornish, and was later admitted to the Oxford County Bar. Judge Edward F. Danforth persuaded Mr. Gould to settle in Skowhegan which became his permanent home. Mr. Gould held many important offices during his brilliant career: Postmaster at Skowhegan, 1897, 1921-22; Congressman from the Third District in 1910; trustee of U. of M.; president of the Somerset Central Agricultural Society (Skowhegan Fair); president of the Skowhegan Water Company; director of the Somerset Traction Company; president of the trustees of Bloomfield Academy and the Library Fund; member of the Somerset Bar Association and the Law Library Association. He constructed numerous houses in Skowhegan, one of which "Hotel Oxford" bore the name of his native county, Oxford. Mr. Gould devoted his later years to farming, and his son, Champ Clark Gould, is now proprietor of one of the cattle farms established by his father. Mr. Gould was twice married; first to Miss Nellie L. Winslow of Gorham (d. 1921), later to Miss Grace Cain who survives with the son, Champ Clark Gould.

Granville, Harry F. (41), d. 1944. Mr. Granville was born in Porter, the son of Harvey D. and Alice Fogg Granville. He was a former procurement engineer of the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation in

California. He died at his home "Apple Acres" in the hamlet known as Durgintown, town of Hiram. Surviving besides his parents and widow, Marie A. Granville, are three sons, Richard D. Granville, Philip D. and David E.; one granddaughter, Barbara Lee; two stepdaughters, Alma and Louella McInness.

Granville, Harvey D. (74), d. 1948. Mr. Granville was the son of Rufus and Caroline Pantz Granville, and a resident of Kezar Falls, town of Parsonsfield. He received his education in the town schools and Parsonsfield Seminary, from which he graduated in 1892. He had been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Seminary since 1915, and a vice president and chairman of the executive board for the remaining twenty years. Mr. Granville taught school for fifteen years and was the first principal of Porter High School, and later principal of the Bean Memorial High in Brownfield. He also served as superintendent of the Porter and Parsonsfield schools. Mr. Granville was a member of the farm group during his state legislative career, in both House and Senate. He sponsored a bill creating third class roads and led the battle for the passage of the first gasoline tax measure. Furthermore, when a member of the Legislature, he served at one time as Republican floor leader, was House Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Bridges. He was also a member of the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation, and Chairman respectively of the House Committee on Military Affairs and Public Utilities Committee. Mr. Granville was, for a long time, head of the Sokokis Lumber Company. He was also affiliated with the Maine Road Equipment Company of Portland. Mr. Granville was a 32nd degree Mason and a member of Drummond Lodge of Parsonsfield and Ossipee Lodge No. 40, Knights of Pythias, Kezar Falls. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Alice Fogg Granville; four grandchildren, Richard D., David F., Beverly and Philip D.; two great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth G. Palmer.

Greenan, Mrs. Maybelle (70), d. 1947. Mrs. Greenan was born in Brownfield, the daughter of Lydia Libby and Joseph O. Gentleman. She was the wife of the late John E. Greenan (d. 1955). Mr. and Mrs. Greenan made their home, for more than thirty years, in Revere, Mass., before their coming to Kezar Falls in 1942. Surviving



are two sons, John E. Greenan, Jr. of Lynn, Mass., and Wirt V. Greenan of Melrose; two half-sisters, Mrs. Lydia Milliken and Mrs. Beaulah Hutchinson of York, Pa.; one nephew and four nieces.

Greenan, John E. (80), d. 1955. Mr. Greenan was stricken while working in his garden. Mr. Greenan was a charter member of the Parsonsfield-Porter Historical Society, a member of the Riverside Methodist Church, the Kiwanis Club, a member of the Board of Selectmen in the Town of Porter for eight years, and an active member of the Porter Republican Town Committee.

Hardy, Mrs. Marcia E. (84), d. 1942. Mrs. Hardy was born on the old Ridlon Homestead at Kezar Falls; the daughter of Magnus and Emily Emery Ridlon of Hollis and Buxton. She died at Cambridge, Mass.

Hubbard, Mrs. Laura N. (54), d. 1929. Mrs. Hubbard was born in Parsonsfield; the daughter of Charles B. and Julia Brown Pendexter. She is survived by her husband, Frank W. Hubbard, and a sister, Miss Maria Pendexter.

Hughes, Mrs. Edith Price (78), d. 1953. Mrs. Hughes was born in Lincolnshire, England, and was the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Barker Price. She was the wife of Rev. Cymbred Hughes, pastor of the Oak Street Friends Church in Portland, Me. Rev. and Mrs. Hughes and family came directly from England to Kezar Falls in 1912. They resided here for six years — he was pastor of the Riverside Methodist Church.

Huntress, Darling (87), d. May 18, 1932. Mr. Huntress was born in the town of Hiram, Feb. 8, 1845; the son of John Huntress and Emma Lord. He married Zylphia A. Hartford in the fall of 1869 — they settled in Porterfield, a charming hamlet in the town of Porter. Four children were born to them — two were still living at the time of his death. Mrs. Huntress died in 1936.

Mr. Huntress was a life-long member of the Free Baptist Church of Porter. He died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Sydney McDonald of Kezar Falls. Survivors were, besides his widow, two children: Mrs. S. P. McDonald of Kezar Falls and Mrs. Charles Walker of Porterfield; 11 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, one great-great grandchild, four nieces and four nephews.

Johansen, Christian (75), d. 1955. Mr. Johansen was born in Asbo, Ribeant, Denmark. He was the son of Danish parents. He went to sea at the age of 14, spending several years sailing the high seas, and visiting many countries of the world. Mr. Johansen served in the Boer War (1899-1900). He came to the United States in about 1905, and married Marie L. C. Lawsen of Massachusetts in 1908. The couple later moved to Effingham Falls, N. H., where they lived for many years. His wife died in 1947, and on Dec. 18, 1949, he married Mrs. Bessie Stearns of Kezar Falls. Mr. Johansen was a printer by trade. He was a member of Ancient Odd Fellows of Massachusetts; of the Danish Society of Dannebrog; of the Effingham Grange and the Porter Grange. He was also a member of the Parsonsfield-Porter Historical Society. Mr. Johansen died at his home on Bridge Street, Kezar Falls. Surviving are his widow, a brother in Copenhagen, Denmark; two foster sons and a son, Alfred Johansen of Reno, Nevada.

Kawanaugh, Enola Chapman (60), d. 1951. Mrs. Kawanaugh was born in Porter. She graduated from Porter High in 1908; from Bates College in 1916. She taught school for over twenty-five years; eleven years at the Delaware High School in Wilmington, Del.

Libby, James (24), d. 1823. He was the son of Hanson and Lydia Libby. He had served in the War of 1812-14. (See "Private and Communal Burial Grounds")

Libby, Levi (76), d. 1886. He was surveyor of highways and townways in 1854. See his "Account Book" at the Parsonsfield-Porter Historical Society.

Libby, Mrs. Levi (Liza D.), (80), d. 1892. The wife of Levi Libby.

Libby, Mrs. Warren (Mary), (66), d. 1895. The wife of Warren Libby.

Libby, Warren Libby (83), d. 1919. He was the author of "Warren Libby Diaries." These diaries give valuable information about the weather and every-day accounts of his life on the farm in Porter and with his town's people. Diaries cover a period of 64 years (1855-1919) — at the Parsonsfield-Porter Historical Society.

Libby, Walter Jefferson (97), d. 1952. Mr. Libby was born in the town of Porter; the son of William and Susan Marston Libby. He



lived for 52 years on the farm known locally as the "Walter Libby Farm." The place is now owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. James Dooley and family. Mr. Libby's wife, Arvilla Walker, died in 1934. Mr. Libby died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Tripp Linscott. Three other daughters survive: they are Mrs. Edith Hall of Kezar Falls, and Mrs. Inez Sanborn and Mrs. Ellen Eastman, both of Hamden, Conn., also three grandchildren.

Lord, Byron B. (77), d. 1953. Mr. Lord was born in Porter; the son of Ezra and Mary Jane Merrifield Lord. He was the oldest member in line of service in the Costello Tribe of Red Men, having belonged to it for 55 years. Mr. Lord was also a member of the local Grange, the Kiwanis Club, Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America. Surviving, besides his widow — see below, are his son, Chalmers B. and a granddaughter and grandson, all of New York; a brother, Roy F. Lord (d. 1954) of Porter.

Lord, Mrs. Grace G. (74), d. 1954. Mrs. Lord was born in Porter; the daughter of Alpheus and Ella Gilpatrick. She was the widow of Byron B. Lord. Mrs. Lord died at the home of her son, Chalmers B. Lord of Long Island, N. Y. Surviving, besides her son, are three sisters, Mrs. Lyman Gilpatrick and Mrs. Arthur Lord, both of Wolfboro, N. H., and Mrs. Sheridan Champion of Kezar Falls.

Lord, Mrs. John (née Mary Gould) (94), d. 1906. Mrs. Lord married John Lord in 1838. She was the mother of Frank Lord, and Mary, wife of Freeman Stacy.

Lord, Harry D. (66), d. 1948. Mr. Lord was born in Kezar Falls, and was the son of John Freemont and Mary MacDonald Lord. He acquired his education at the schools in his home town, and was graduated from Bridgton Academy at Bridgton, Maine. He also attended Bates College. He married Hazel C. Hannaford of Cape Elizabeth in 1905. His baseball career began in 1906 with the New England League. He was a former Captain of the White Sox and the Boston Red Sox baseball teams. Later he managed several independent clubs, including a Dixfield team. He coached the South Portland High School team for one year. Mr. Lord was a member of the Masonic Chapter at S. Portland and the Portland Commandery, and a former member of the Portland Rotary Club. Mr. Lord

had a summer home near Colcord Pond — at the "Simeon Day Place." He died in a Westbrook hospital after several years of ill health. Interment was at Riverside Cemetery at Kezar Falls. A committal service was held with the Rev. Henry O. Megert of the Riverside Methodist Church officiating. Surviving, besides his widow, are one sister, Mrs. Royal W. Hasty of Portland; one daughter, Mrs. Woodbury F. Howe of S. Portland; one son, H. Donald Lord of Kezar Falls; four grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Lord, Roy F. (73), d. 1954. Mr. Lord was born in Porter August 25, 1880, the son of Ezra and Jennie Merrifield Lord. He attended the local schools and was graduated from Shaw's Business College, Portland. He was a bookkeeper at the Kezar Falls Woolen Mill for 51 years, retiring in 1951. Mr. Lord was a member of Ossipee Lodge, Knights of Pythias. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Luella Cotton Lord; a daughter, Miss Marion F. Lord, a teacher in Washington, D. C.; and a nephew, Chalmers Lord, of New York City.

McDaniel, Dr. Silas A. (78), d. 1922. Dr. McDaniel was born in Freedom, N. H., and he moved to Kezar Falls in the early 1870's, establishing his home on Main Street, where he resided for the rest of his life. His education, as a veterinary surgeon, was acquired at the Portland Medical School, where he studied for two years, and at Dartmouth College for two years. His trips into the countryside examining cattle and testing for tubercular trouble engaged much of his time and energy. Dr. McDaniel was also a teacher — he taught more than one hundred terms of school, a few of which were at Parsonsfield Seminary. He began teaching in Porter in 1875 — last year in Porter was in 1900.

McGraw, Dennis D. (78), d. 1954. Mr. McGraw was born at Portsmouth, N. H., the son of Dennis and Mary Gannon McGraw. He learned the blacksmith trade in Rochester, N. H., and worked for 40 years at that trade in New Hampshire and after he moved to Kezar Falls. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Annie McGraw; one son, John Dennis McGraw of Porter (d. 1954); one daughter, Mrs. Maisie Searles of Eliot; one grandson, Dennis, and a granddaughter, Eleanor, both of Eliot, Maine.



McGraw, John D. (49), d. 1954. He was born at Madison, N. H., the son of Mrs. Annie T. McGraw and the late Dennis D. McGraw. His parents moved to Kezar Falls when he was a small child, and at which place he attended the local school. He married Annie Southwick of Kezar Falls in 1925. They lived at Porter Village.

Marston, Mrs. Lula M. (68), d. Mrs. Marston, the widow of Dr. Clarence Marston, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Randolph Churchill of Kezar Falls. Mrs. Marston had formerly lived, for 40 years, at East Brownfield. Surviving are a son, Dr. Paul C. Marston of Kezar Falls and Baldwin; three daughters, Mrs. Marguerite Churchill of Kezar Falls, Mrs. Arlene Dimock of Auburn, and Mrs. Ruth Buckley of Lewiston; a sister, Mrs. Elmer Bickford of Portland; a brother, Parsons Richardson of Augusta; six grandchildren, Mrs. Pauline Garner, Miss Mary Marston, Robert Churchill of Kezar Falls, Charles Churchill of Oklahoma, Ann Buckley and Paul Buckley of Lewiston; a great-grandchild, Suzanne Garner of Kezar Falls; three nieces, Mildred Boyden, Mardell Marston of Portland, Mildred Marston of Chicago, Illinois; two nephews, Robert Marston and Frank Bickford of Portland, Maine.

Mason, Aaron H. (78), d. 1903. A prosperous farmer, teacher, school superintendent.

Mason, Frank (70), d. 1952. Mr. Mason was the son of Frank and Alona (Towle) Mason. He died at Bangor, Maine. Surviving are his widow, Myrtle Ranney of Stetson, and four sisters — one of Porter, Mrs. Florence Garland.

Mason, Fred L. (73), d. 1942. Mr. Mason was the son of Wm. S. and Eliza Foster Mason. He was born at the homestead in Porter, where he spent practically all his life. He is survived by his widow, Ruth Sawyer Mason, and one son, William F. Mason.

Mason, Irving (85), d. 1948. Mr. Mason was born in Porter; the son of Gideon and Elizabeth Mason. He was a jeweler by trade, conducting business in his shop for 40 years. Mr. Mason belonged to Ossipee Lodge, Knights of Pythias for many years. He is survived by a son, Warren who lives on Summer Street, Kezar Falls; four grandchildren, Mrs. Arnold Dall, Mrs. Lois Pease, Delbert and Harold Mason, all of Kezar Falls; five great-grandchildren.

Mason, Mrs. Mary G. (76), d. 1938. Mrs. Mason was born in Porter; the daughter of Samuel and Josephine Stanley. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Josephine Ridlon; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Mabel Sawyer.

Mason, Mrs. Ruth (60), d. 1948. Mrs. Mason was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alphonso Sawyer. She married Fred Mason (d. 1942) of Porter. Mrs. Mason left the old Mason Farm following the death of her husband, and moved to Kezar Falls, where she was employed at the Kezar Falls Woolen Mill. Surviving are a son, William F. Mason; a sister, Mrs. Mabel Thomas of Springfield, Illinois; a brother, Burley Sawyer of Wolfboro, N. H.; a niece, Mrs. Roland Wentworth of Porter; two nephews, Fred and Elwin Sawyer of Porter, and a grandchild, Judy Ruth Mason of Kezar Falls.

Merrifield, Mrs. Alice (80), d. 1946. Mrs. Merrifield was born in Lewiston, Maine; the daughter of the late Allen and Mary Garner. She was married to Charles T. Fox in 1889, who passed away after a few years of married life. They had two children, Carleton T. and Charles G. Fox. Mrs. Fox was married to the late William O. Merrifield on Jan. 7, 1900. She was very active in community affairs. Mrs. Merrifield was a charter member of the Ladies' Magazine and Reading Club and the Kezar Falls Library Association; a member of the Woman's Society for Christian Service. Mrs. Merrifield was treasurer of the town of Porter for twenty years (1910-1930); the first woman elected to that office in the town. Surviving are three sons, Carleton T. Fox, Charles G. Fox, Harry A. Merrifield; a step-daughter, Mrs. Jessie Merrifield Stacy; a brother, William A. Garner (d. 1954); a sister, Mrs. Florence Garner Norton; three grandchildren, Betty Ann Merrifield, Mavis Fox, Helene F. Jewell; four step-grandchildren, Mrs. Pauline S. Gehrs of St. Joseph, Mo., Dexter Stacy, Elton Merrifield, Mrs. Geneva M. Gilpatrick of Kezar Falls; seven great-grandchildren.

Merrifield, Ralph Elton (62), d. 1943. Mr. Merrifield was born at the Merrifield Homestead on School Street; the son of William O. Merrifield and Fannie Wormwood. He had spent all his life, from the time he left school, working in his father's bobbin mill. Surviving at the time of his death were one son, Elton D. Merrifield;



one daughter, Mrs. Geneva M. Gilpatrick; four grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Jessie M. Stacy; a brother, Harry A. Merrifield; a step-mother, Mrs. Alice G. Merrifield; a nephew and two nieces.

Moulton, Hon. Thomas (78), d. 1888. Mr. Moulton, the son of David and Dorothy Moulton, was born in the town of Porter on Aug. 15, 1810. His birthplace is now in ruins, but the remains of it speak eloquently to all whose hearts are atuned to the long ago! His high character was formed by inheritance and the environment of this homestead. Mr. Moulton's education started at home — where the foundation of all good learning has to be laid. Like many a lad of his day, he attended the district school not far away from the old farmstead. He later studied at the select schools of Saco, Fryeburg, Hampden and the Foxcroft Academy. He also attended Waterville College (now Colby University), graduating from the New York University on July 20, 1837. His principal employments throughout his brilliant career had been farming and teaching — he had taught twenty-four terms at district schools; twelve at select schools, in the following places: Porter, Brownfield, Cornish, Hiram, Foxcroft (now Dover-Foxcroft), Corinna, Sebec, Charleston and Exeter. He had taught fourteen terms at Foxcroft Academy and Exeter High School. In politics, he started as a Democrat, but later became a Republican — when that party was formed in 1854. It is worthy of note to state that this latter party was formed to combat slavery! And Mr. Moulton was always a champion of freedom and independence! He held several town offices in Porter, Exeter and Corinna; a Representative to the State Legislature from the Porter district in 1857; Senator from the Oxford county district in the sessions of 1859 and 1860, and U. S. Assistant Assessor from Aug. 28, 1862 to Sept. 1, 1869. In his latter years on the farm, Mr. Moulton wrote two histories, namely: "History of Porter," published in 1879, "History of Parsonsfield," published in 1888. He never married, and about his celibacy, his niece, Mary, wrote: "Your photograph received a hearty welcome. Old Father Time has indeed dealt kindly with you. You are but little changed. Take my advice, Uncle Thomas, and now before old age comes stealing on, offer yourself a sacrifice upon the altar of Matrimony." The foregoing is an ex-

cerpt from Mrs. Mary Stevens' letter, dated: April 2, 1865. It was written at 314 Fulton St., Chicago, Ill.

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PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTIONS

In Memory of the Life and Death of Hon. Thomas Moulton,  
A Native and Citizen of Porter, who died in Brownfield, Me.,  
Oct. 31, 1888, aged 78, 1 month and 16 days.

WHEREAS; It has pleased the Almighty God to take from this to another and better world, our much esteemed friend and worthy citizen, Hon. Thomas Moulton, whose walks through life were exemplary and of the highest order. He acquired in youth a superior education, which qualified him to transact business accurately and properly. He became a superior and successful school teacher, beloved and obeyed by all of his pupils. He from time to time held many high and responsible offices of trust and discharged the duties thereof to the satisfaction of all his constituents. He was ever ready to aid in any well-deserving enterprise of a public nature. He made several valuable and highly appreciated donations to the Methodist church of this town, and he spent much valuable time and money in collecting and writing a history of this, his native town, and having it printed. He then kindly and freely presented a copy of the same to each family in town; therefore

RESOLVED; That in the death of our most esteemed friend and worthy citizen, Hon. Thomas Moulton, this town, the Methodist church and the public generally have met with a sad and severe loss, one that will be deeply and keenly felt by all who ever had the pleasure of forming his acquaintance.

RESOLVED; That the preamble, heading and these resolutions be spread upon the Town Clerk's book of record of Porter for future reference to the rising generation of this good and worthy man; also that the Town Clerk be instructed to send a copy of the same to the Oxford County Record for publication.

Aaron H. Mason

John Mitchell

Committee



Amos Blazo

Porter, April 13, 1889.

A true copy, attest:

J. A. Libby, Town Clerk.

Norton, Miss Florence (70), d. 1942. Miss Norton was born at the Norton Farm in Porter, the daughter of Eben and Martha Sargent Norton, and the last survivor of a family of thirteen children. She spent her whole life on the farm. Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

Norton, Mrs. Hattie Libby (65), d. 1921. Mrs. Norton was a native of Porter; the daughter of Warren T. and Mary Huntress Libby, and the wife of Leslie E. Norton. Mrs. Norton is the author of the "Mrs. L. E. Norton's Diary" (1908-1919), preserved at the Parsonsfield-Porter Historical Society.

Norton, Mrs. Mabel (67), d. 1931. Mrs. Norton was born in Parsonsfield; the daughter of Benjamin and Sarah Cole. She married Noyes R. Norton in 1881. Mrs. Norton is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Wallace Durgin and a son, Earl Norton, both of Porter; four grandchildren, Gerald Gildman, Virginia Durgin, Arlene Norton,—; three grandchildren, Adrian, Elaine and Reginald Durgin; two uncles, Ezra Eastman of Porter and John Eastman of Brownfield.

Norton, Noyes R. Norton (72), d. 1930. Mr. Norton was born in Porter; the son of Gildman J. Norton and Abra Fox Norton. Mr. Norton was survived by his widow, Hattie M. Norton (d. 1931); one daughter, Mrs. Nora Durgin; one son, Earl Norton; four grandchildren, and two sisters.

Norton, William T. (59), d. 1932. Mr. Norton was born in Porter; the son of Appleton and Ursula Norton, and was educated in the town schools and Parsonsfield Seminary. He was identified early in life with the Riverside Methodist Church, of which he was, at the time of his death, treasurer, steward and trustee. Endowed with a fine bass voice, he had been for years leader of the choir. He was deeply interested in church activities, especially the Sunday School. He had the best equipped hardware store in Kezar Falls. Mr. Norton was a member of the Improved Order of Red Men; a

charter member of the Kezar Falls Kiwanis Club where he had always served as song leader. A man of fine character and splendid integrity, therefore always entrusted with important projects. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Florence Garner Norton.

Palmer, Frank C. (76), d. 1941. Mr. Palmer was born in Porter, on the Black Farm which has been in the family of his maternal ancestors for four generations. Mr. Palmer was the son of William H. and Marcia Black Palmer, and his education was acquired in the schools of his home town and at the Parsonsfield Seminary. He began his career as an architect and contractor at the age of thirty-one. Here are a few of the numerous buildings erected by Mr. Palmer: The Devereux homestead on Federal Road, Kezar Falls; Porter High School building; a part of the Kezar Falls Woolen Mill, rebuilt in 1905; Chellis' home on Elm Street, K. F.; the International Paper Mill at Rumford, Maine; the Methodist Church at Medford, Mass., etc. Mr. Palmer's wife, Lizzie Staples Palmer died in 1933. Mr. Palmer had served two terms as tax collector for the town of Porter, and for several years, until his death, had been Chairman of the Democratic Town Committee. He was a member of Costello Tribe No. 34, I.O.R.M. Surviving besides his sister, Miss Mary Palmer, are four cousins, Dr. Laura Black Stickney of Saco, Maine, Mrs. Nina Black Gevalt of West Roxbury, Mass., John Hall of Schenectady, N. Y., and Lewis Hall of Monson, Maine.

Pendexter, Frank H. (91), d. 1952. Mr. Pendexter was the son of Lindley and Olive Jane Stanley Pendexter. His wife, the former Edwina A. Norton of Porter, died several years ago. Mr. Pendexter lived in Porter for many years while operating the present Wardell Farm on the Spectacle Pond Road. He was born in Hiram, and died at the home of his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Linwood Pendexter of Steep Falls.

Philbrick, Irving J. (75), d. 1935. A life-long resident of Porter, with the exception of seven years spent at Portsmouth, N. H. He was the son of William P. and Elizabeth Pearl Philbrick. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Susie Smith Philbrick; two daughters, Mrs. Karl C. Stacy and Mrs. Pearl L. Foster; six grandchildren, and a brother, Charles of Parsonsfield.



Philbrick, Mrs. Susie (69), d. 1937. Mrs. Philbrick was born in Porter; the daughter of David Smith and Julia Stanley. She spent 62 out of her 69 years in Porter and Parsonsfield. Mrs. Philbrick died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Karl Stacy, on Mountain View Avenue, Kezar Falls. Funeral services were conducted at the home of Mrs. Stacy. The Rev. Henry Simonds, Pastor of the Advent Church, and Rev. Curtis L. Stanley of Westbrook officiated. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Mildred Stacy, Mrs. Pearl Foster of Freedom, N. H.; two brothers, Elmer Ridlon of Anson, Herbert Ridlon of Haverhill, Mass.; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Brewster of Woodfords, Mrs. Mabel Sawyer, and six grandchildren.

Pierce, George J. (73), d. 1941. Mr. Pierce was born in Garland, Maine, June 29, 1867; the son of Stillman S. and Mary Parsons Pierce. The family lived with Mr. Pierce's maternal grandfather for several years at Biddeford. At the age of 20, Mr. Pierce with his parents and sister moved to Kezar Falls. In 1892, he accepted a position in Boston, and in 1900 married Mary A. Jardine of Everett, Mass. In 1909, Mr. and Mrs. Pierce returned to their home in Kezar Falls. Mr. Pierce had been a member of the Riverside Methodist Church for 25 years.

Surviving, at the time of his death, besides his widow were three daughters, Mrs. Mildred Hammond, Mrs. Elizabeth Peniuk of Springvale, and Mrs. Flora Adams of Ogunquit; one son, Edward; one sister, Miss May A. Pierce, and seven grandchildren.

Prince, Mrs. Sylvia Stanley (86), d. 1952. Mrs. Prince, the widow of John Prince, died at the home of Mrs. Mabel Sawyer, Summer Street, Kezar Falls. Mrs. Prince was born in Porter, the daughter of John Stanley and Amanda Stanley. She received her education in Massachusetts, and was graduated from Massachusetts Business College, Boston. The family returned to Maine some time later, settling on a farm situated on the shore of the beautiful Stanley Pond, where Mrs. Prince lived until a few years before her death.

Raffy, Henri (68), d. 1954. Mr. Raffy, a French veteran of the First World War, died at his home near Bickford Pond on Feb. 21st. Mr. Raffy was born at Agent, in the French Pyrenees, and served with distinction in the French forces, for which he received

the Legion of Honor. He was married to the American pianist, Katherine Foote, daughter of the famed composer, Arthur Foote, in Constantinople (1921, and the couple came to Porter in 1934, settling on the old "M. Day Homestead." Mr. Raffy immediately started to make improvements — he planted some 40,000 young pines on the cut-off woodland, an area covering about 1000 acres. Today (1956) this marketable stand of timber — pines as straight as arrows and free from knots, elicits admiration from all passers-by! Here is an exemplary case of timber conservation, scientifically conducted. The Raffys adopted four French orphans — the victims of World War II. Moreover, they have sent some 800 packages of food and clothing to French orphans and refugees. Well, indeed, may Porter be proud of such unselfish devotion to suffering mankind!

Ridlon, Benjamin F. (65), d. Oct. 27, 1935. Mr. Ridlon, a lifelong resident of Porter, was the son of Walter H. and Caroline Wakefield Ridlon; born on Sept. 27, 1870. Mr. Ridlon had long been active in the civic and religious life of the community. For 34 years he was associated with his brother, Walter F. Ridlon, in the operation of a general store. He served many years as Town Clerk and in other capacities. He was a member of the Riverside Methodist Church for 40 years; a member of the official board and sang in the church choir for a long period. Mr. Pierce was affiliated with the Ossipee Lodge Knights of Pythias for 35 years, also with the Red Men. Rev. C. F. Butterfield officiated at the funeral services conducted at the Riverside Methodist Church.

Ridlon, Mrs. Ella R. (73), d. 1937. Mrs. Ridlon was the wife of Herbert L. Ridlon (d. 1953). She died at her home on Spectacle Pond Road. Surviving, besides her husband, were three sons, Myron H. Ridlon of Kezar Falls, Samuel Ridlon of Portland and Charles Ridlon of Scarborough; three daughters, Mrs. Gertrude Bowie of Jackson, N. H., Mrs. Albert Locke of West Baldwin and Mrs. Flora Carpenter of Kezar Falls; 23 grandchildren; one great-grandchild, Peter Sherman Bowie of Jackson, N. H., and one sister, Mrs. Mary Ellen Hanson of Kezar Falls.

Ridlon, John C. F. (84), d. 1941. Mr. Ridlon was born in Porter,



May 3, 1856; the son of Daniel D. and May Fox Ridlon. He married Apphia Chapman in 1877. In 1896, they moved to Everett, Mass., where Mr. Ridlon worked as a conductor on the electric cars for 13 years. They returned to Kezar Falls in 1910, at which place he operated a trucking business for some time. Mr. Ridlon was later employed by the Kezar Falls Woolen Co. He was a member of the Riverside Methodist Church, also a member of the Knights of Pythias.

Ridlon, Herbert L. (94), d. 1953. Mr. Ridlon was the oldest man in the town of Porter at the time of his death which occurred on Dec. 21st. Mr. Ridlon was born in Hiram, the son of Samuel and Sarah Chapman Ridlon. He married the former Ella R. Davis of Parsonsfield, and almost their entire lives were spent on the farm on Spectacle Pond. Mr. Ridlon had been a selectman of the town of Porter for twenty years. He was a charter member of Ossipee Lodge, Knights of Pythias, Kezar Falls, and a member of Costello Tribe, I.O.R.M. of Kezar Falls. Mr. Ridlon was a member of the Riverside Methodist Church for fifty years. Surviving are three sons, Myron H. Ridlon, Samuel Ridlon and Charles Ridlon; two daughters, Mrs. Albert Locke and Mrs. Flora Carpenter; a sister, Mrs. Lilla Gentleman of Watertown, Mass.; 23 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren.

Ridlon, Mrs. Josephine (65), d. 1943. Mrs. Ridlon was the daughter of Oris L. and Mary Stanley Mason, and was born in Porter. She was the widow of Benjamin F. Ridlon. Mrs. Ridlon had been a member of the Riverside Methodist Church since June 17, 1894. Private funeral services were held at her home on River Street, with Rev. Ernest C. Flood, Pastor of the Riverside Methodist Church, officiating. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Bernice Huber, Federal Road, Kezar Falls, and Mrs. Iva Cutting, River Road, Kezar Falls; three grandchildren, Jeaneth, Kendrick and Mary Huber.

Ridlon, Dr. Magnus (70), d. 1950. Dr. Ridlon was born in Porter, the son of Walter H. and Carrie Wakefield Ridlon. He first attended the schools of his native town, and was later a student at Bridgton Academy and a graduate of Bowdoin Medical School. He served his internship at the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary before

coming to Kezar Falls. Dr. Ridlon had been a practicing physician here for more than 40 years. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias. Surviving are his widow, Adelia Turner Ridlon; a daughter, Mrs. Edythe Day; a grandson, John Magnus Day; a brother, Walter, and a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Stanley; all of Kezar Falls.

Ridlon, Mrs. Ruth L. (81), d. 1948. Mrs. Ridlon was the daughter of Jonathan F. and Mary French Mason. She was educated at the schools in Porter. Mrs. Ridlon died at Hallowell, Maine. Her husband, Elmer E. Ridlon, survives her, also a daughter, Mrs. Daniel T. Malloy and a grandson, Daniel R. Malloy both of Hallowell; and a grand-daughter, Mrs. Girard J. Poulin of Winslow.

Ridlon, Mrs. Susan E. (77), d. 1940. Mrs. Ridlon was born in Porter, the daughter of Daniel and Mary Fox Ridlon. She died at her home in Haverhill, Mass. Funeral services were held at the home of her sister, Mrs. Mabel Sawyer of Kezar Falls. Surviving, besides her husband, are two daughters, Mrs. Angie Perry and Mrs. Helen Hannah; one son, Roy Ridlon, all of Haverhill; seven grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Ridlon, Sidney H. (54), d. 1938. Mr. Ridlon was born at Sandwich, N. H., and died at Kezar Falls. He left a widow, Mrs. Beatrice Ridlon; his mother, Mrs. Minnie Ridlon; a son, Kenneth; a sister, Mrs. Elsie Watson; five nieces and four nephews.

Ridlon, Walter H. (77), d. 1926. Mr. Ridlon was born in Porter in 1848; the son of Daniel D. and Esther Wales Ridlon. Except for a few years spent in Quincy, in his early manhood, Kezar Falls had been his home. His wife who was before her marriage Miss Carolyn Wakefield, died in 1921. Mr. Ridlon died at the home of his son, Benjamin. He left the following survivors: Five children: Mrs. Georgia Cushing of Long Island, Mrs. Elizabeth Stanley, Walter, Jr., Dr. Magnus G. (d. 1950) and Benjamin, all of Kezar Falls; three sisters, Mrs. Mary Treadwell of Somerville, Mrs. Fred Fox and Mrs. Susan Ridlon — both of Haverhill; three brothers, John and Edward of Porter and Frank of North Anson.

Ridlon, Walter S. (75), d. 1954. Mr. Ridlon was born in Freedom, N. H., the son of Walter H. and Carrie Wakefield Ridlon. He and his brother, Benjamin, established a leading grocery business



at Kezar Falls in 1902. Mr. Ridlon was known as an ardent angler, and his store was for years a familiar haunt of local fishermen. He retired from business in 1914, which was carried on by one of his sons. He married the former Bertha Gilpatrick in 1904 — she died in 1953. Mr. Ridlon is survived by a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Stanley of Kezar Falls; three sons, Hilton of Kezar Falls and California, Emery of Circleville, Ohio, and Joseph of Kezar Falls; a daughter, Mrs. Esther Constiner of Monroe, Ohio; 8 grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Roberts, Ernest E. (32), d. 1927. Mr. Roberts was born in Porter, the son of Charles and Eliza J. Roberts. He spent all his life on the farm where he was born — his parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, and great-great-grandparents had all been living on this farm. Surviving are his widow, Gertrude Varney; a son, Lawrence; his parents, Charles and Eliza J. Roberts; a brother, Frank Roberts, all of Porter.

Rounds, Mrs. Ida Fox Rounds (86), d. 1952. Mrs. Rounds was born in the town of Porter; the daughter of Moses and Olive Fox. She was the widow of Stillman Rounds who died in 1940. Mrs. Rounds died at the home of her son-in-law, Fred C. Merrifield. Surviving is a son, Elmer Rounds of Kezar Falls.

Sawyer, Clarence Stanley (57), d. 1956. Mr. Sawyer was born in Kezar Falls, the son of Mabel Stanley Sawyer and the late Ellsworth Sawyer. He was a Parsonsfield selectman from 1940 to 1946 and a Porter selectman from 1950 to 1951. At one time he was chief of the Porter Fire Department; a past president of the Kiwanis Club; president of the Cornish Health Council and manager of the Norton Hardware Store.

Besides his mother, he leaves his wife, Harriet Bibber Sawyer, both of Kezar Falls; four sisters, Mrs. Beatrice Pierce, Mrs. Frances Cutting and Mrs. Allison Curtis, all of Kezar Falls, and Mrs. Evelyn Shover of Enosburg Falls, Vt., and several nieces and nephews.

Sawyer, Elmer F. (79), d. 1947. Mr. Sawyer died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ward. He was born in Porter, the son of Sewall and Susan Sawyer. Mr. Sawyer was a carpenter by trade; a member of Costello Tribe No. 34, I.O.R.M. of Kezar Falls, and

Drummond Lodge, AF & AM, Parsonsfield. He is survived by one brother, Mark Sawyer of Kezar Falls, and several nieces and nephews.

Sawyer, Ellsworth W. (55), d. 1932. Mr. Sawyer was born at Porter Village; the son of Freeman Sawyer. He conducted a meat and grocery store for some time. Mr. Sawyer had been Postmaster at Kezar Falls for 12 years. Surviving are his father, Freeman Sawyer; his widow, Mabel Stanley Sawyer; seven children and eight grandchildren.

Sawyer, Horace C. (78), d. 1943. Mr. Sawyer, born in Porter, was the son of Isaac and Olive Willard Sawyer. He died at his home on Maple Street, Kezar Falls.

Sawyer, Mrs. Ida (71), d. 1947. Mrs. Sawyer was born in Parsonsfield, the daughter of Moses and Rebecca Eastman Cross. She was married to Mark Sawyer in 1898. Surviving, besides her husband, are two brothers, Worthington Cross of Kezar Falls, and Walter Cross of Bridgton; two sons, Carl and Sewell, both of Kezar Falls; two daughters, Mrs. John Mason of Kezar Falls, and Mrs. Sidney Libby of Porter; seven grandchildren, Mrs. Evelyn Hartnett of Portland, Mrs. Doris Webster, Eugene and Rodney Sawyer of Kezar Falls, Lary Libby of Porter and Harold Sawyer of the U. S. Army; seven great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Sawyer, Mrs. Nellie S. (75), d. 1942. Mrs. Sawyer died at her home on Maple Street, Kezar Falls. She was born in Porter, the daughter of John and Martha Fox Stanley. Surviving are her husband; one sister, Mrs. Nettie H. French; one niece, Mrs. Percy Stanley; two nephews, Frank E. Holmes and the Rev. Curtis L. Stanley.

Sawyer, Mrs. Susie F. (89), d. 1954. Mrs. Sawyer was the widow of Roswell C. Sawyer whom she married in 1882. She was born in Cornish, the daughter of Calvin and Emily Day. Mrs. Sawyer did community nursing for several years. She was a member of Charter Oak Grange, South Hiram. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Gertrude Stacy and Mrs. Amy Hussey, both of Kezar Falls; three sons, Ransom of Five Islands, Maine, Allan of Kezar Falls and Burton of Bennington, Florida, and South Portland; 16 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.



Sawyer, Mrs. Susan (92), d. June 16, 1942. Mrs. Sawyer was born at Hooversville, Pa., July 24, 1850; the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David

She was the widow of Sewall Sawyer (d. 1892). Mrs. Sawyer died at the home of her son, Mark S. Sawyer, with whom she had made her home for the past 45 years. She had been a member of the Advent Church for over 50 years. Funeral services were held at the Union Church, Porter Village, and burial was in the family lot in Porter Village Cemetery.

Mrs. Sawyer was survived by two sons, Elmer H. Sawyer of Portland, and Mark S. Sawyer of Kezar Falls; 4 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Sawyer, Mrs. Vivian E. (51), d. 1942. Mrs. Sawyer was born in Limington, the daughter of Harry and Alice Blake Sawyer. She is survived by her husband, Charles R. Sawyer of Porter Village; two sons, Fred and Elwyn of Porter; one daughter, Mrs. Roland Wentworth of West Baldwin.

Spring, John Francis (86), d. 1954. Mr. Spring was born in Hiram; the son of Jonas B. and Sarah Mason Spring. He attended schools in Hiram and Porter. He moved from Hiram to Porter in 1920. Mr. Spring was a charter member of the Parsonsfield-Porter Histoical Society. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Mildred Gould Spring; two daughters, Mrs. Irma Pendexter of South Hiram and Mrs. Doris MacDonald of Kezar Falls; 12 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Small, Mrs. Ethel S. (64), d. 1943. Mrs. Small died at her home on Main Street, Kezar Falls, where she had resided all her life. She was the daughter of Moses and Emily Stanley Stacy. Mrs. Small had been a bookkeeper in the Kezar Falls Woolen Company's office for 46 years. She is survived by one son, by a former marriage, William Bushby of Southern Pines, S. C.; one granddaughter, Veda Bushby, and several cousins.

Stacey, Dr. Sidney G. (84), d. 1953. Dr. Stacey was born in Porter; the son of Jordan 2d and Lydia Stacey. He died at the home of his niece, Mrs. Florence Garland, of Kezar Falls. He was graduated from Bridgton Academy and Bowdoin College, and studied at Munich, Germany, before obtaining his Ph.D. degree at

John Hopkins University. He taught at Grinnell, Iowa, and Shelbyville, Tenn., before joining the staff of Erasmus Hall High School, Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1898, where he taught Greek and Latin for 33 years. He retired in 1931. Dr. Stacey was married to the former Caroline G. Bronbacher, also a teacher of Greek and Latin at Erasmus Hall. She died in 1936. Besides the niece with whom he had resided for the past year, he is survived by a nephew, Curtis M. Sweat of North Parsonsfield; two grand-nieces, Mrs. Carl Johnsrud, Payson, Arizona, and Mrs. Lincoln Spencer, Kennebunkport, and a grand-nephew, Dr. George E. Doe of Kezar Falls.

Stacey, George Herbert (82), d. 1949. A native of Porter, he had lived at Elm Row Milk Farm in Parsonsfield for the past 26 years. Mr. Stacey had been employed as a lumberman, woolen worker and a farmer. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Nellie Osgood Stacey; three daughters, Mrs. Seth Clemons of Hiram, Mrs. James Audley of Lincoln, N. H. and Florida, and Mrs. Fred. Hammond of Kezar Falls; four sons, Ralph M. Stacey of South Windham, and Clarence M. Lawrence F. and Owen G. Stacey, all of Kezar Falls; 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Stacy, Mrs. John (née Ruth Gould) (94), d. 1865. Ruth Gould married John Stacy in 1792. They settled in Porter in 1804. Mrs. Stacy, who was born in 1771, was the daughter of Joseph Gould, Jr. and Ruth Remick Gould, Jr. They came to Parsonsfield from Berwick in 1795. They had five children, Oliver and Salome were born in Berwick, Jordan and Hannah were born in Parsonsfield, and George, born in Porter. The children all settled in Porter.

Stacy, Lieut. Lucian (28), d. 1898. Lieut. Stacy was born in Porter, Sept. 5, 1870; the son of George E. and Mrs. Olive Chapman Stacy. He died in Gorham, Maine, of malarial fever contracted at Santiago de Cuba, Sept. 4, 1898. Lieut. Stacy spent his juvenile years on the homestead farm and attending the local schools. From the primary schools he went to Bridgton Academy, graduating in the fall of 1888. During his vacations he taught school and otherwise applied himself with great self-reliant ability to acquire means for supporting himself when he entered upon classical instruction. He entered Bowdoin College in 1889. Here also he became a diligent



student and stood well in his class. He possessed a splendid physique and perfect health, and to preserve these when his habits became more sedentary he turned his attention to athletic exercises, and soon reached the foremost rank as a football player. He also was captain of the only victorious freshmen boat crew in the history of Bowdoin. Having decided to enter upon a military occupation, he left college during his junior year to accept a cadetship at West Point, N. Y. At the military academy he made easy and commendable advancement in his drill. Here also his fine social qualities endeared him to his instructors and classmates. He continued his athletic practices, and was regarded as one of the best "halfbacks" at West Point. Graduating from the military school in 1896, he was immediately assigned to a lieutenantcy in the 20th Regiment, U. S. Army, and stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. At the outbreak of the Spanish-American War, he accompanied his regiment to Mobile, Alabama, thence to the scene of combat at Caney, Cuba. "I was near him in the fight at Caney and his courage was sublime." So wrote Capt. J. F. Morrison, Capt. 20th Infantry, from Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. (Letter dated, Sept. 20, 1898)

Lieut. L. Stacy died at the home of his brother, Dr. Clinton Stacy of Gorham, Maine, and his body was laid to rest in the family lot in Riverside Cemetery at Kezar Falls, Maine.

A large, framed photograph of Lieut. Lucian Stacy hangs in "Memorial Hall" of the home of the Parsonsfield-Porter Historical Society, Kezar Falls.

Stacy, William C. (67), d. July 10, 1945. Mr. Stacy was born in Porter, May 3, 1878; the son of Freeman and Mary Lord Stacy. He was a U. S. Mail carrier on Route No. 2 until 1942 when he retired after thirty years of service. Mr. Stacy died at the home of his son, Herman, at Porter Village. Surviving are six sons, Clinton of Stratford, Conn., Herman of Porter Village, Ralph of Portland, Russell of Kezar Falls, Myron of Camp Gordon, Ga., Arthur of White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.; three daughters, Mrs. Frances Goodrich of Palmyra, Mrs. Ruth Bradshaw and Mrs. Grace Sawyer of Kezar Falls; 11 grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Alton Goodwin, and one brother Sherman Stacy of Cliftondale, Mass.

Stanley, Mrs. Amanda H. (99), d. 1944. Mrs. Stanley, the widow of John Stanley, Jr., who died on Feb. 13, 1944, was the oldest resident of this community at the time of her death. She was the daughter of Isaac and Susan Gould Stanley — the last survivor of a family of ten. Mrs. Stanley passed away at her home, "Sunny-side Farm," on Stanley Pond, where the Stanley-Gould reunion was held for many years. She had been a member of Riverside Methodist Church for 75 years; of the Rebekah Lodge at Cornish for 60 years; of the Charter Oak Grange at South Hiram for 38 years. Survivors at the time of her death were: Mrs. Sylvia Prince, her daughter, who lived with her mother; a son, Noyes Gould Stanley of Waban, Mass., a grandson and two great-grandsons.

Stanley, Mrs. Bessie Lord (86), d. 1950. Mrs. Stanley was born in Wolfboro, N. H. She had lived in Porter until the death of her husband, Alvin C. Stanley, in 1931. Since then she had made her home with her stepson and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Curtis L. Stanley in Westbrook, Rockland and Bath. Mrs. Stanley was the last living charter member of the Advent Christian Church of Kezar Falls. Interment was in Riverside Cemetery.

Stanley, Carl J. (72), d. 1954. Mr. Stanley, a life-long resident of Kezar Falls, died at his home on Summer Street. He was born here on Jan. 11, 1882, the son of George and Alemina Mason Stanley. He had been a bookkeeper at the Oxford Land and Lumber Company for more than thirty years. Mr. Stanley attended the local schools and the Parsonsfield Seminary. He was a member of Masonic bodies and a charter member of the Parsonsfield-Porter Historical Society. Mr. Stanley is survived by his widow, Mrs. Fannie Bibber Stanley, formerly of South Harpswell; and a son, Roger E. Stanley of the U. S. Air Force.

Stanley, Mrs. Blanche P. (64), d. 1943. Mrs. Stanley was born at Lynn, Mass., the daughter of Thomas C. and Mary Chapman Page. She had resided in Porter for nearly 60 years; married to Mr. Stanley on Dec. 24, 1893. Mrs. Stanley was survived by her husband, Sidney B. Stanley (d. 1955); three sons, Orion R., Preston J., and Keith L., all of Kezar Falls; two daughters, Lena, the wife of Raymond Strout of Portland, and Alma, wife of Dr. David Young all of Salt



Lake City, Utah; a brother, Herman Page of South Weymouth, Mass., a niece, Mrs. Dorothy Page Wait of South Weymouth; a nephew, Lucien of Panama, and six grandchildren.

Stanley, Mrs. Elizabeth J. (78), d. 1955. Mrs. Stanley was born at Kearsarge, N. H., the daughter of Albert and Martha Eastman. She died in Portland. Mrs. Stanley is survived by her husband, Mr. Ralph Stanley, and several nieces and nephews.

Stanley, Mrs. Elma A. (70), d. 1954. Mrs. Stanley was born in Waterboro, the daughter of George Tarbox and Jennie Brown Tarbox. Besides her husband, Mr. Everett G. Stanley, she is survived by a sister, Mrs. Frank Stevens of Hollis Center; four children, Mrs. Herbert Gupstill, Mrs. Daniel Lord, Fulton E. Stanley, all of Kezar Falls, and Mrs. Adis M. Stearns of South Portland; 12 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Stanley, Mrs. Grace Stacy (45), d. 1931. Mrs. Stanley was born in Porter, the daughter of Freeman and Lucy Lord Stacy. She was survived by her husband, two sisters, Mrs. Nellie Garland of Porter, and Mrs. Bernice Goodwin of Kezar Falls; two brothers, Sherman Stacy of Cliftondale, Mass., and William Stacy of Kezar Falls. Rev. Arthur A. Callaghan officiated at the funeral services.

Stanley, Isaac M. (79), d. May 23, 1925. Mr. Stanley was born in Porter, 1846; the son of Rev. John and Salome Stacy Stanley. He was engaged in various enterprises during the years he resided in Kezar Falls, and for ten winters in the later years of his life he had charge of an orange grove near St. Augustine, Florida. At the time of the Civil War, while living in Philadelphia, he enlisted in the Marine Corps.

Mr. Stanley died at the home of his son, Roland Stanley, only a few days before Memorial Day (1925) when he was to have given the address at the Riverside Cemetery.

Stanley, Rev. John (78), d. 1894. Rev. Stanley was the son of William and Susannah Gould Stanley. He married Salome Stacy, April 9, 1840, and lived in Porter until his death, Dec. 11, 1894. He was a preacher of the Freewill Baptist Church, often delivering sermons at the Porter Meeting House. Four of his ten children were alive at the Stanley-Gould reunion in 1931: Randall of Porter,

Hannah Cole of Conway, Olive Danforth of Brownfield, and Tobias of Connecticut.

Stanley, Mrs. Minnie A. (74), d. 1936. Mrs. Stanley was born in Porter, the daughter of Aaron H. and Almenie Towle Mason. She was the widow of George S. Stanley. Mrs. Stanley died at the home of Mrs. Mabel Sawyer. She was survived by a son, Carl J. Stanley (d. 1954), and a grandson, Roger E. Stanley.

Stanley, Orman L. (64), d. 1940. Mr. Stanley was born in the town of Porter; the son of Preston J. and Naomi Stacy Stanley. He was graduated from Parsonsfield Seminary. He taught school in Porter for two years, and served as superintendent for five years. Mr. Stanley was the originator of the plan to organize the Kezar Falls National Bank which was instituted in 1910; since then he had been cashier of the bank also its vice president. Mr. Stanley was the postmaster at Kezar Falls during the period, 1903-1913. He had been prominent in many business and political activities; treasurer of the Oxford Land and Lumber Company of Kezar Falls; member of the school board for 25 years, and moderator at town meetings for 25 years; member of the Legislature in 1909, of the Senate in 1917 and 1918; member of Governor William Tudor Gardiner's Executive Council from 1929 to 1933. Mr. Stanley was a 32nd degree Mason, and member of the Shrine, Knights of Pythias; Red Men, and Kezar Falls Kiwanis Club. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Ridlon Stanley; three daughters, Mrs. Lloyd Locke of Bridgton, Mrs. Nathaniel Leonard of New York, and Mrs. Harry Wishman of Boston; one son, Mr. J. Malcolm Stanley of Kezar Falls.

Stanley, Preston J. (49), d. Nov. 27, 1902 at which time he was the postmaster in Kezar Falls, and with his son, Orman, had carried on a large trade in dry goods, clothing, furniture, etc. He was the son of Rev. John and Salome Stacy Stanley, being among the younger of ten children. He is survived by his wife, Naomi Stacy Stanley, and three sons and three daughters, Sidney B., Orman L., Sherman P., Evelyn M., Florence M., and Ina N., and two grandchildren.

Stanley, Randall L. (78), d. 1940. Mr. Stanley was the son of Rev. John and Salome Stacy Stanley. He is survived by three sons,



Harry, Ernest and Irvin; three daughters, Mrs. Mae Thompson of Conway, N. H., Mrs. Bertha Pence and Mrs. Mabel Libby of Farmington, N. H., one brother, Tobias Stanley of North Woodstock, N. H., one sister, Mrs. Olive Danforth of Brownfield, and several grandchildren.

Stanley, Sidney B. (80), d. 1955. Mr. Stanley was a life-long resident of Kezar Falls; the son of Preston J. and Naomi Stacy Stanley. He graduated from Parsonsfield Seminary in 1898, and from the New England Institute of Anatomy and Embalming, Boston. He was a funeral director for nearly 40 years. Mr. Stanley held numerous town offices, such as director and assistant cashier of the Kezar Falls National Bank; a member of the superintending school committee for 28 years; Sunday School superintendent of the Riverside Methodist Church for 47 years; charter member and past president of the Kiwanis Club; charter member of Parsonsfield-Porter Historical Society. Mr. Stanley also served one term in the State Legislature in 1943. Mrs. Stanley, the former Blanche Page, died in 1943. Mr. Stanley is survived by three sons, Orion R., Preston J., and Keith L.; two daughters, Mrs. Raymond L. Strout of Portland, and Mrs. David Young of Raleigh, N. C.; three sisters, Mrs. Evelyn M. Watkins of Kezar Falls, Mrs. John W. Higgins of Skowhegan, and Mrs. Ina N. Emery of Saco; ten grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Stanley, Sherman P. (59), d. 1939. Mr. Stanley was born in Kezar Falls, the son of Preston J. and Naomi Stacy Stanley. He was educated in the local schools and Parsonsfield Seminary. He had been employed at the Kezar Falls Woolen Mill for 45 years, 30 of which he was superintendent of the spinning department. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Myrtie Stanley; a son, Neal; two brothers, O. L. Stanley (d. 1940) and Sidney B. Stanley (d. 1955); three sisters, Mrs. Ina N. Emery, Mrs. Evelyn Watkins and Mrs. Florence S. Higgins.

Stanley, William (46), d. 1822. Mr. Stanley married Susanna Morrison in 1797; eight or nine years later, he, together with his oldest and youngest brothers, Joseph and Elisha, respectively, left Shapleigh for Porterfield where William bought two lots (200 acres), numbers

nine and ten on "B" range. There were a dwelling, barn and grist-mill on the property when he bought it — all for one thousand dollars! However, he did not remain long in what by now (1807) had become the town of Porter. He moved to the nearby town of Hiram where he built a house, across the road from where the Union Church once stood. He also constructed two sawmills — one at the outlet of Stanley Pond, the other near the site of the present sawmill in the village of South Hiram. Four generations of Stanleys have had an interest in this latter sawmill. William Stanley was the first settler in South Hiram. He probably brought his family from Porter to Hiram not later than 1810. William Stanley died at his home in Hiram on April 27, 1822; his wife passed away on July 16, 1836. They both rest near the smiling waters of Stanley Pond.

Stanley, William (78), d. 1939. Mr. Stanley was born in Kezar Falls, the son of John and Martha Fox Stanley. Funeral services were held at the Advent Christian Church. Rev. Henry Simonds, pastor of the church, officiating.

Here is an historical note about the ancient House of Stanley: The Isle of Man, situated in the Irish Sea, equidistant from Ireland, England and Scotland, passed to the great House of Stanley in 1405. This famous Lancashire family ruled in Man up to the year, 1736, when the lordship came into the possession of the Duke of Athol.

During the 331-year reign of the Stanleys, there was one outstanding figure that holds our attention, namely; the Seventh Earl of Derby — "The greatest of all the Lords of Man," the people of the Isle of Man called him. The Earl himself gives us the secret of his popularity — he writes: "When I first came among the people, I seemed affable and kind to all, so I offended none. For taking off your hat; a good word; a smile or the like, will cost you nothing, but may gain you much."

Staples, Mrs. Aurelia Weeks (76), d. 1935. Mrs. Staples was born in Hiram, the daughter of Clark H. and May Stanley Weeks. She was the widow of Mark L. Staples, and lived on Main Street, Kezar Falls. Surviving are one son, Raymond Staples; one granddaughter, Mrs. Kenneth Totman of Fairfield; three great-grandchildren, Kenneth, Jr., Donald and Richard.



Stearns, David E. (88), d. 1937. Mr. Stearns was born at Densburg, Germany, Jan. 10, 1849; the son of Isaac and Rebecca Gans Stearns. He came to this country in 1865, at the age of 16, crossing the Atlantic in an old sailing vessel which, after a voyage of two months, landed at Castle Garden in New York City. As a young man, he traveled on foot through the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut and northern New York, selling articles from his pack which he carried on his back. He later sold his wares from a horse-drawn cart, followed some time later by operating general stores at Lovell, South Hiram and Conway, N. H. Mr. Stearns opened a grocery and meat store in Kezar Falls about the year, 1907, and retired from active business in 1928. His home was on Bridge Street, Kezar Falls. Mr. Stearns was a member of the Bridgton Lodge of Masons; a charter member of Lovell Lodge, K. of P., and later helped to organize Ossipee Lodge No. 40. He was also at one time a member of the Odd Fellow Lodge of Bridgton. Mr. Stearns was survived by four children, Mrs. Luella M. Ridlon, Mrs. Ethel S. Weeks (d. 1948), William E. Stearns and Frank M. Stearns; all of Kezar Falls and South Hiram. He also left 12 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. Rev. C. F. Butterfield, pastor of Riverside Methodist Church, officiated at the funeral services.

Stearns, Frank M. (69), d. 1946. Mr. Stearns was born at South Hiram, the son of David E. Stearns. He was prominent in civic and political affairs of the town and county, and a prominent cattle dealer and lumberman. He served the town of Hiram as selectman for several terms; Porter chairman of the Oxford County Republican Committee; a county commissioner for six years; served in the State Legislature in 1916-17; past chancellor commander of Ossipee Lodge, Knights of Pythias; member of Greenleaf Lodge of Masons at Cornish; member of Costello Tribe of Red Men of Kezar Falls; past president of the Kezar Falls Kiwanis Club, and for many years manager of the Kezar Falls baseball team. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Bessie Morrill Stearns; three sons, Adis M. of South Hiram, Bernard D. of Portland, and Raymond C. of Rochester, N. H., a daughter, Mrs. Harry Merrifield of Kezar Falls; five grandchildren, First Sgt. Hugh M. Stearns, U. S. Army at Camp Kilmer, N. J.,

Pvt. Roger A. Stearns, U. S. Army, Heidelberg, Germany, Joyce and Cheryl Stearns of South Hiram, and Betty Ann Merrifield of Kezar Falls; two sisters, Mrs. Ethel Weeks and Mrs. Luella Ridlon, both of Kezar Falls; several nieces and nephews.

Stearns, Mrs. Nora J. Stanley (70), d. July 1945. Mrs. Stearns was born in 1875; the daughter of Jacob and Lizzie Saunders Stanley, and the wife of William E. Stearns. She was an active member of the Grange, Pythian Sisters, and the Kezar Falls Library Association.

Stearns, William E. (70), d. April 1945. Mr. Stearns was born in 1875; the son of David and Linda Dyer Stearns. He married Grace Ridlon, who died in 1900, leaving a little daughter, Leah, who died at the age of nine. Mr. Stearns second wife was Nora J. Stanley (d. 1945). Mr. Stearns was a cattle dealer the greater part of his life. He was a member of the Kiwanis, the Grange, K. of P., and Masonic Lodge, and a Director of the Kezar Falls National Bank. Mr. Stearns had also been active in town affairs.

Stocks, Mrs. Flora (62), d. 1954. Mrs. Stocks was born in Porter, daughter of Aldo French and Olive Linscott French.

Towle, Fred (84), d. Aug. 16 or 17, 1956, at his home in Kezar Falls. Mr. Towle was born in the town of Porter, on Dec. 25, 1871; the son of Ezra James and Sarah Coolbroth Towle, and had lived here all his life. Until his retirement, he had been employed by the Kezar Falls Woolen Company.

Survivors are two sons, Wilson and Wellington, both of Portland; a nephew, George W. French of Bloomfield, N. J., and Kezar Falls, Maine; a niece, Mrs. Maurice Bragdon of Falmouth. Interment was in Riverside Cemetery, Kezar Falls.

Towle, George Washington (88), d. 1917. Mr. Towle was born in Porter, the grandson of William Towle (1774-1841) who came to Porter in about the year, 1806, from Epsom, N. H. He was educated in his home town of Porter, and managed an extensive lumber business for 22 years, becoming a very prosperous merchant. In 1881, Mr. Towle built the Kezar Falls Woolen Mill and established the manufacture of woolen goods. He was at different times director, treasurer and president. He was one of the leading stockholders of the Kezar Falls National Bank, and its first president. Mr. Towle



held many town offices; was selectman for ten years, also treasurer and collector. He retired from active business in 1893. One of his largest bequests to his town was fifteen thousand dollars, left in trust for the Porter High School. A biographical sketch of Mr. Towle will be found on page 189 of the "Biographical Review of York County."

Trueworthy, Harry W. (71), d. 1951. Mr. Trueworthy died at the Osteopathic Hospital, Portland, after a short illness. He was born in Porter, the son of Fred and Eugenia Holmes Trueworthy. He passed most of his boyhood in Porter and Parsonsfield. He was married to Minnie Wilkinson in 1913. Surviving, besides his widow, are a son, Lloyd E. Trueworthy, and a daughter, Mrs. Eula Gilpatrick of S. Hiram.

Ward, Mrs. Annie Elizabeth Cochran (65), d. 1952. Mrs. Ward was born at Lemsford, Hatfield, England; the daughter of the late Robert and Mary Ann Cochran. She died at Kezar Falls. Surviving are her husband, Walter F. Ward, one daughter, Mrs. John Schatzel, and two grandchildren.

Watson, C. Winfred (55), d. 1936. Mr. Watson was born in Cornish, the son of Charles and Josephine Pugsley Watson. He spent almost 50 years in Kezar Falls, where he passed away at his home on Main Street. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Elsie Watson; four sons, Vance, Elwin, Rodney and Vaughn; four daughters, Mrs. John Marsh of Bridgton, Mrs. Gerald Hallett of Woodfords, Hilda and Charlotte; two granddaughters, and two sisters, Mrs. Maude Stacey and Mrs. Gertrude Fox.

Weeks, Mrs. Cora (77), d. 1949. Mrs. Weeks was the widow of Lester Weeks, and she died at Sidney, N. S., at the home of one of her daughters. Mrs. Weeks was the daughter of Jacob Stanley and Lizzie Saunders of Hiram. Besides her two daughters, she left a sister, Mrs. Flora Nason of South Hiram; several grandchildren and a nephew, J. Bruce Nason, U. S. N.

Weeks, Edwin C. (71), d. 1943. Mr. Weeks was born in the town of Porter; the son of John Henry and Sarah Merrill Weeks. He had been an employee of the Kezar Falls Woolen Company for 53 years. Mr. Weeks died at his home on School Street. He is survived by

his widow, Lillian M. Weeks (d. 1943); one son, Cecil R. Weeks; three daughters, Mrs. Ethel Stetson, Mrs. Sarah Metcalf and Mrs. Julia Hodgdon; eleven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one brother, Stacy Weeks; one sister, Mrs. Susie Greene of Madison, N. H., and one cousin, Mrs. Lena Davis of New London, N. H.

Weeks, Mrs. Ethel S. (68), d. 1948. Mrs. Weeks was born in Lovell, the daughter of David and Linda Stearns. She had resided in Porter since a small child. She was a member of Macbeth Club, Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Methodist Church. Surviving, besides her husband, Stacy Weeks, are one sister, Mrs. Luella Ridlon, a daughter, Mrs. Thelma Meloon, both of Kezar Falls; a granddaughter, Mrs. Leatrice Martin of West Gorham; two grandsons, Merton Meloon of Fitchburg, Mass., and Maurice Meloon of Kezar Falls; two great-grandchildren, Sharon Lee and David Russell Martin of West Gorham; and several nieces and nephews.

Weeks, John Henry (86), d. 1936. Mr. Weeks was born in Porter, the son of Clark and Mary Mason Weeks. He passed away at the home of his son, Stacy Weeks. Surviving are two sons, Edwin and Stacy Weeks of Kezar Falls; one daughter, Mrs. Susie Greene of Madison, N. H., seven grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren.

Weeks, Irving (78), d. Feb. 1939. Mr. Weeks was born in Porter, June 22, 1860. Having attended schools here, including Kezar Falls High School, also Parsonsfield Seminary and Fryeburg Academy, he taught school at Freedom and Eaton, N. H., Baldwin and Brownfield, Me. He later took up farming in the town of Porter. He had also served as town auditor. He was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church. Surviving are his wife, Laura Stanley Weeks; a son, Frank Weeks, and three grandchildren.

Weeks, Mrs. Vesta (77), d. May 31, 1934. Mrs. Weeks, who was a native of Holderness, N. H., left two daughters, Mrs. Della Allen and Mrs. Addie McEwan of Dover, N. H.; a grandson, Allen McEwan, and a sister, Mrs. Mary Holt, Dover, N. H.

Weeks, Mrs. Lillian May (69), d. 1943. Mrs. Weeks was born at Eaton, N. H., the widow of Edwin C. Weeks. She died in Porter.

Wiggin, James H. (83), d. 1948. Mr. Wiggin was born in Tam-



worth, N. H., the son of Joseph Alonzo and Frances Hutchins Wiggin. He came to Kezar Falls from Effingham, N. H., in 1908. He had been an automobile dealer for several years before he entered the antique business in 1913. Mr. Wiggin was a member of the U. S. Trotting Association. Surviving, besides his widow, Mrs. Margaret Wiggin, is his brother, Mr. Arthur E. Wiggin of Kezar Falls. Interment was at Effingham Falls Cemetery.

Wiggin, Mrs. Margaret (69), d. 1951. Mrs. Wiggin was the widow of James H. Wiggin. She was the daughter of John and Margaret Mallory Connelly of Boston, Mass. Surviving is one sister, Miss Elizabeth Connelly, R. N. Funeral services were held with Solemn Requiem High Mass in the St. Mathew's Cathedral, Limerick, Maine. Interment was in Effingham Falls, N. H.

Wiggin, Arthur Elvy (79), d. July 31, 1956, at the Maine Medical Center, Portland, Maine, after many years of failing health. Mr. Wiggin was born in the town of Tamworth, N. H. on January 20, 1877; the son of Joseph Alonzo and Frances Hutchins Wiggin.

Following his marriage, he and Mrs. Wiggin lived for a few years in Greenfield, Mass., before coming to Kezar Falls in 1915 where they resided until fourteen months ago. Because of ill health they have been residing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Hartford in Cornish, Maine.

Mr. Wiggin was employed by the Kezar Falls Woolen Company as a loom fixer until his retirement in 1946. He was a past member of the Kezar Falls Kiwanis Club.

He is survived by his widow, Mabel F. Wiggin of Cornish, and several cousins.

Funeral services were held at the Stanley Funeral Home, on Aug. 4th, and interment was in Riverside Cemetery, Kezar Falls. Rev. Henry O. Megert, pastor of the Riverside Methodist Church, officiated.

Woodbury, Mrs. Blanche Colcord (70), d. 1950. Mrs. Woodbury was the widow of Ned K. Woodbury of Cornish. She was born in Porter, the daughter of Wilson and Harriet Colcord. She came to Cornish with her parents as a young child. She is survived by several cousins.

Wormwood, Robert Fulton (83), d. 1942. Mr. Wormwood, well known in the newspaper field of New England for 59 years, died on Friday, Jan. 30, 1942, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Florence Garland of North Parsonsfield. Mr. Wormwood was born in Porter, June 15, 1858, son of Darius and Abbie Ellen Wales Wormwood, and attended the schools of his town. He was twice married; first to Annie M. Stacy of Porter, in 1884; his second wife was Mrs. Anna Bullock of Biddeford — they were married in Boston in 1907. He had two children by his first wife, Mrs. Bertha M. Doe of Kezar Falls and Mrs. Florence Garland of North Parsonsfield. Mr. Wormwood was publisher and editor of the Oxford County Record, Kezar Falls and Fryeburg, from 1883 to 1892. He was on the editorial staff of the Portland Express from 1892 to 1900, and from 1900 to 1941 as editor of the Biddeford Evening Journal. Mr. Wormwood had also been associated with newspapers in Lewiston, and with other Portland papers besides the Portland Evening Express. In the Sept. 10, 1887 issue of the Oxford County Record there is an "obituary" of an unusual interest, penned by Llewellyn A. Wadsworth, which reads: "Clara Ella Wales, the gifted poetess whose beautiful poems have so often graced the columns of the "Record," has given love's last kiss and the last hand clasp of friendship, and passed to the life immortal. Her age was thirty-three years. We do not grieve that the weary martyrdom is ended, and the suffering heart that for sixteen years has beat but a Death March, is at rest. We have known her thirty years; we first learned to prize her moral and mental worth in our first school in 1864, during which she never received reproof or censure. We never have taught or observed but one pupil who equalled her in correct deportment. Consumption wasted the rose bloom from her cheek, and yet she lingered on, beguiling many a lonely house with flowers, music and poetry. As her poems evinced, she possessed an ardent love for the true, the pure, and the beautiful; and her gentle heart often lavished its treasures in fond and loving remembrance of the friends and associations of childhood. Her gentleness and tender regard for the happiness of others, won many friends, to whom her excellent character and model example will remain a precious legacy. Cheered by the Christian's hope, refined and



purified by afflictions, she bore her sufferings with resignation, reminding her friends of the sad, sweet lines of Percival:

“There is a sweetness in a woman’s decay,  
When the heaven-sick soul is stealing away.”

No place on earth treasures for us so many pleasant memories tinged with sadness, as Kezar Falls. Another now is added, “Some sweet day by and by, ‘on the golden strand, where life’s bright waters lose their silver spray, we hope to meet the dear ones for whom our friendship has ever been fadeless and changeless.’ ”

## XXVI

### DISTRICT SCHOOLS

As previously pointed out, the work of dividing up the town into school districts began in 1803 and was continued until thirteen districts had been established. As time went on the population in the remote districts decreased and as a result the one-room schoolhouses gradually passed out of existence — the last one to be closed was the Porter Village school (First District) in 1948.

An outline of the physical appearance of the first schoolhouse in Porter has already been made; it now remains to sketch, in some detail, the salient features of the educational system employed. The following documents will serve as illustrations.

#### SCHOOL REGISTER OF DISTRICT NO. 7

Sarah F. Taylor, Teacher.	John Cole, Agent.
Commencing June 5th 1854.	Ending 28th of July, 1854.
Length of School in days, 44.	
Whole number of Scholars, 22.	
Average number in attendance, 16.	
Wages of Teacher per month, or week, not including board, \$1.62½ per week.	
Number of weeks the Teacher has taught School previous to the present term, 29.	

Name of Scholars:	Age	Name of Scholars:	Age
Margaret Merrifield	17	Almira Sawyer	10
Lydia A. Stacy	15	Hannah J. Sawyer	7
Elizabeth Berry	15	Maria N. Gilpatrick	7
Phebe A. McDonald	13	John W. Cole	14



Sarah F. Berry	13	Freeman C. Stacy	13
Sally Bradeen	12	George E. Stacy	12
Sarah A. Tripp	12	Moses S. Stacy	7
Ruth E. Stacy	10	Richard W. Bradeen	7
Sarah M. Stacy	4	Levi C. Ridlon	8
Nancy S. Tripp	8	Samuel Berry	6
Mary A. Tripp	4	Daniel T. Tripp	6

SCHOOL REGISTER, FOR 1862-1863

Name of the Town .....	Porter
Number of the District .....	Ten
Name of the Agent .....	Timothy H. Brooks
Name of the Teacher .....	Daniel O. Blazo
When the School commenced .....	Jan. 12th 1863
When the School closed .....	March 25th 1863
Length of the School in days, 5½ days in a week .....	60½
Whole number of Scholars in the District .....	Forty-one
Whole number attending School .....	Thirty-three
Average number .....	27 69/121
How many in Winter School did not attend in Summer ....	Eleven
Wages of Teacher, including board .....	Twenty-two dollars
Wages of Teacher in addition to board .....	Sixteen dollars
List of books used in School:	
Arithmetic, Greenleafs series. Grammar, Browns. Geography,	
Colton & Fitches. Readers, Progressive. Spellers, Progressive.	
U. S. History, ..... Other books, Smith's Elementary	
and Greenleafs.	

REMARKS

The teacher will learn from the agent the exact number of scholars having their legal residence in the district, whether living at home at the time or not.

The teacher will find it necessary to note the attendance and absence of pupils in half days, in a memorandum from which he will fill up his Register at the close of his school, reducing the whole to weeks and tenths.

To find the average attendance, add the column of "days present," and divide the sum by the whole number of days in the session.

Character. P. D. I. Punctuality, Deportment, Improvement. It is recommended that teachers keep a careful account of the punctuality, deportment, and improvement of each pupil, for the information of the Committee, using such descriptive terms or numbers as they may please, or the Committee may direct, to indicate the character of the pupils in the several respects named.

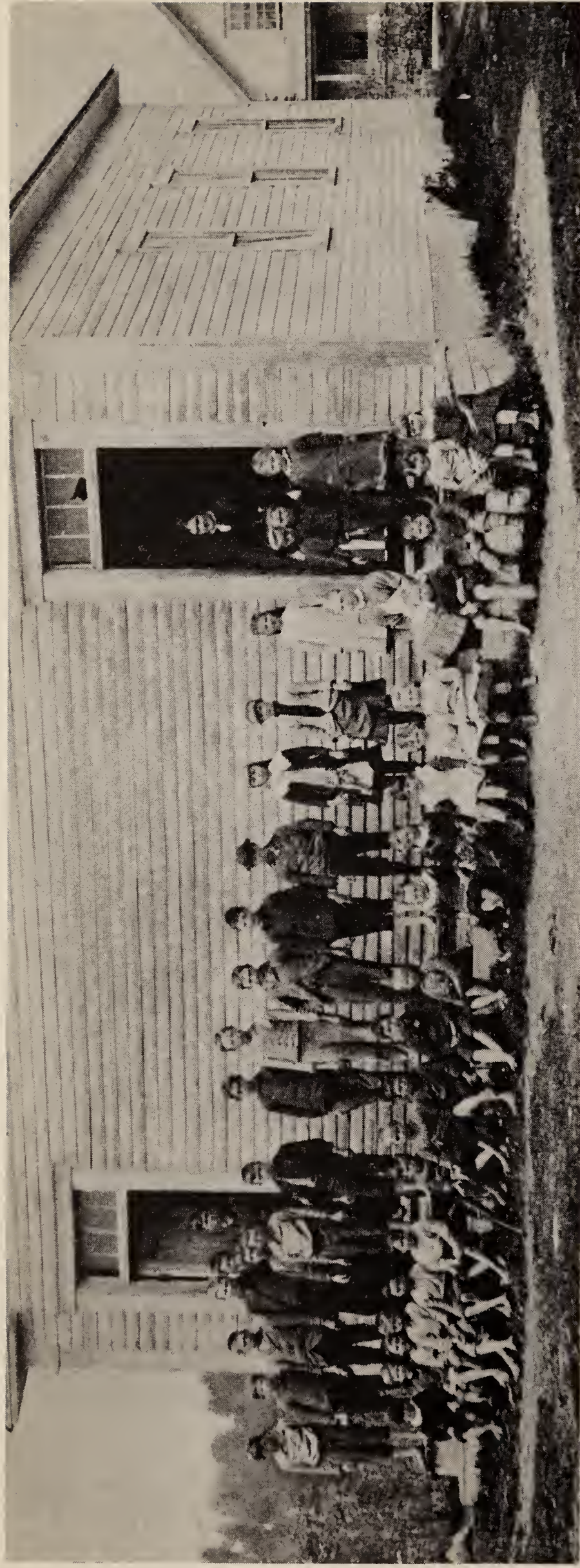
Male teachers reckon their wages by the month, female teachers by the week.

It is recommended that Teachers, at the close of each term, make a written Report to the Supervisor or Committee, of the condition and progress of their schools.

## REGISTER

Names of Scholars:	Ages.	Entered	Left.	Days	Days	Character
				Absent.	Present.	
						P. D. I.
Sally J. Hubbard	15	(Information in the original left out here)				
Juliet Colcord	11					
Olive Philbrick	15					
Sarah Towle	13					
Ester J. Sargent	12					
Maria Philbrick	9					
Amand Sawyer	8					
Sarah Stone	9					
Lucy A. Hodson	10					
Mary E. Sargent	9					
Vesty E. White	6					
Lydia A. Sargent	20					
Anna Brooks	17					
Asahel Brooks	19					
Wilson Colcord	17					
Thomas Brooks	14					
John Colcord	14					
Ivory Towle	15					
Ira O. White	11					
Alonzo Hubbard	12					





School Group in District 4, at Kezar Falls, around 1882. The building was formerly used in the early 6th District on the then Daniel Towle property, now the Horace Day farm. The building was moved to Kezar Falls in 1842. Years later it was used as the Advent Chapel. *Front, seated, left to right:* Ralph Merrifield, Sherman Stanley, Guy Shaw, Stacy Weeks, Jacob Leslie Mason, Curtis Shaw, Roy Lord, Roy French, Addison Ridlon, Clarence Emery, Bernie Ridlon, Myrtle Stacy, Grace Stanley, Flora Lord, Ethel Stacy, Bertha Gilpatrick,

Susie Weeks, Harry Lord, Nelson Stacy, Nora Ridlon, Mary Danforth, Rose Chapman, teacher. *Back row, left to right:* Bert Smith, Orman Stanley, Fred Towle, Lester Weeks, Sidney Stanley, Arthur Smith, Byron Lord, Wirt Ridlon, Ed Weeks, Alphonso Clemons, Elmer Emery, Charlie Hubbard, Florence French, Lizzie Ridlon, Josie Mason, Grace Gilpatrick, John Clemons, Gertie Stacy. *In the left doorway, left to right:* Frank Hubbard, Oliver Stanley.



James E. Hodsdon	6
William Philbrick	6
Abial Downs	15
Emily Stanley	15
Ida A. White	9
Almira Downs	8
Moses A. Sargent	18
Mary Sargent	6
Susan Brooks	21
Mary L. Stone	6
Isaac L. Hubbard	18
Oliver D. Rice	11

## SCHOOL REGISTER FOR 1868-1869

Name of the City, Town or Plantation .....	Town of Porter
Number of the District .....	4
Name of the Agent .....	L. D. Stacy
Name of the Teacher .....	C. H. Randall
Taught how many schools before .....	4
When the School commenced .....	Nov. 30th 1868
When the School closed .....	Feb. 13th 1869
When the school was visited by the Committee .....	Dec. 8th & Feb. 13th
Length of the School in days, 5 ½ days in a week .....	50
Whole number of Scholars in the District .....	
Whole number attending School .....	34
Average number .....	26 nearly
How many in Winter School did not attend in Summer .....	
Wages of Teacher, excluding board .....	\$1.00 per day
Price of board per week .....	\$2.00

## REMARKS

(Same as in preceding Register)



## REGISTER

Names of Scholars:	Ages.	Entered.	Days Absent.	Days Present.	Character P. D. I.
Nellie M. Weeks	12	(Information in original document left out here)			
Gertrude E. Weeks	7				
Clara E. Cousins	9				
Susan E. Chapman	9				
Zalinda J. Stacy	16				
Nettie H. Cousins	11				
Emily A. Stacy	14				
Mary J. Merrifield	14				
Olive J. Stanley	12				
Mary G. Stanley	5				
Naomi Stacey	13				
Vienna Stanley	9				
Eunice L. Edgecomb	10				
Emogene F. Edgecomb	6				
Millie Crowell	12				
Thorp A. Lawrence	14				
Thomas J. Edgecomb	11				
James A. Stacey	10				
Frankie Pendexter	8				
Herbert I. Stanley	9				
Herbert L. Ridlon	9				
Lincoln Cousins	6				
James Chapman	7				
Martin L. Stacy	7				
Harry Johnson	17				
Preston J. Stanley	16				
Wallace Chapman	8				
Willie O. Merrifield	13				
Francis A. Fox	10				
Edward Parker	15				
Edward Fox	11				
Charlie O. Stacy	4				
Eddie G. Stanley	?				

## SCHOOL AGENT'S CENSUS RETURN, 1878.

"I hereby certify, under oath, that the following is a correct list of the names of the scholars belonging to this District, between the ages of four and twenty-one years, as they existed on the first day of April, 1878.

(signed,) Albion H. Blake      Agent of District No. 1.  
Town of Porter.

Personally appeared Albion H. Blake and made oath to the above Certificate. Before me, Jesse Colcord, Justice of the Peace in Oxford County, April 24, 1878."

Names	Ages	Names	Ages
Wilis S. Cole	9	Charles A. Holmes	19
Emily S. Sawyer	19	Emogene Holmes	15
Clara P. Cole	5	Elmer I. French	17
Lucy W. Cole	4	Fred M. French	13
Alberto E. Hurd	18	Orin Chamberlin	8
Emma F. Hurd	17	Fred W. Brown	15
James E. Hurd	13	Mary I. Nutter	8
Ida M. Hurd	8	Cora S. French	8
Elmer E. Holmes	17	Sydney G. French	5
Willie J. Holmes	10	Lizzie S. Wentworth	16
Alonzo M. Holmes	6	Everett Wentworth	12
Laura E. Holmes	17	Curtis S. Wentworth	8
Charles D. French	17	Fred Wentworth	7
Charles F. Libby	20	Emma Philbrick	18
Alonzo Libby	18	Eva M. Bickford	11
Emma Libby	16	Alonzo Bickford	9
Melvin Libby	8	Alice Bickford	6
George Chapman	5	Carleton French	12
Preston Downs	9	Oscar F. Wiggins	18
Willie Cook	7	Lyman Towle	10
William Fox	18	Gusteen Kenerson	19
Walton P. Sawyer	5	Mabel Cross	4
William P. Cross	7	Charles E. Cross	9
Arthur E. Blake	7	Cora V. Blake	18



Evvia W. Rice	7	Lillian M. Rice	12
John W. Rice	19	Nellie Stanley	12
Nettie Stanley	14	Willie Stanley	16
Alonzo French	12	Rendall French	16
Josie Jenkins	16	Sarah Jenkins	20
Martha Golduarth	15	Zenovia A. Rogers	8
Irving R. Towle	14	Lucy Edgely	8
Jennie Edgely	7	George W. Edgely	6

The following items come from the official School Records of the Town of Porter:

April 30, 1833. Sarah Moulton, teacher, received five dollars a month for her services and allowed one dollar per week for board. Board was bid off at .93 a week.

1841. Lowest bidder on boarding teacher was James Hurd at .70 a week.

1843. To James French .60 a week mistress' board.

1843. To James French .88 a week master's board.

1847. To Ira Chase .32 a week for mistress' board.

1847. To Ira Chase .66 a week for master's board. The lowest recorded bid.

1842. A vote was taken to receive scholars from other districts by paying 17 cents per week.

1860. Voted that schoolhouse be kept locked and used only for school, religious worship and funerals.

1884. Voted to have three terms of school.

1st to commence 2nd Monday in May (8 weeks) .

2nd to commence 2nd Monday in Aug. (10 weeks).

3rd to commence 2nd Monday in Nov., and teach until remaining money is used up.

1884. Old school house sold to R. G. Heard for \$68.00. Voted to raise \$550.00 to build a new schoolhouse.

1886. Board was bid off at \$1.50 a week.

1887. (April) Voted that the Agent should repair the blackboard in the schoolhouse in District No. 8, and have notices printed and put up in the schoolhouse that there should be no spitting of to-

bacco on the floor. To the Agent, John S. Hurd, of said District. C. D. Redlon, District Clerk.

1888. Voted to pay \$4.75 per week for teaching.

1893. (April) Voted to paint schoolhouse in District No. 8. Voted for Agent to buy the paint and let painting out to the lowest bidder. Bid off by C. H. McDonald for .89 per day.

Each School District had an agent whose duty was to hire the teachers, obtain the boarding places, and provide fuel for the schools. He had to practice a strict economy inasmuch as the amount of money raised for support of these schools was not more than \$100 annually per district.

The Advent Chapel in Kezar Falls (District 4) was used as a schoolhouse until 1889 when the schoolhouse on Main Street was completed. In 1925, all children above the 5th grade were conveyed to Kezar Falls. The schoolhouse in District No. 2 and No. 8 were closed in 1929, this left only one of the thirteen schools intact. This one, as mentioned earlier, had to close its door in 1948.

Porter High School was established in 1904 by an appropriation of \$250.00. There were 45 students enrolled — Harvey D. Granville was the teacher. Its first graduation exercises were held in 1907 — the graduating class consisted of three students, namely; William Batchelder, Herman Page and Shorey Weeks. It became a Class A High School in 1908. \$200.00 were raised annually for the support of this school until 1919 when the present high school building was erected. 40 students graduated in 1924 — the largest on record; the smallest, only one student, graduated in 1917, 1918, 1920. There was no graduating class in 1910. From this digression, we'll now return to the District Schools.

According to the official School Records of Porter, 157 teachers taught school in the Town of Porter during the period, 1869-1879. Obviously there was no lack of schoolmasters and school mistresses — many of whom were native sons and daughters. Porter, like its neighboring towns, has always placed a high value on education, and a great number of its citizens have contributed their share in enriching the world of thought!

Now only three out of the original thirteen one-room school-



houses remain to remind the passer-by of those little joys and sorrows of yesteryear, and they implore the passing tribute of a sigh!

To all who love to hear the very mention of the district schoolhouse, the following poem, "Reminiscences of School Days," by Levi L. Cook, will strike a respondent chord. But, before we quote this elegy, let's present a biographical sketch of its author. Levi L. Cook was born in 1866 in what is locally known as the "Cook Neighborhood" of Porter. He was a descendant of one of the first settlers (Stephen Libby) of the town. According to the Teacher's School Register for 1871-2, he was a pupil of the school mentioned in his poem at the age of six; his teacher, Ebra<sup>l</sup> A. Wood. This one-room schoolhouse (now in ruins) stood in District No. 6.

As a young man, he taught school in his own home town, and later became a Superintendent of Schools. He was a poet of note, an architect, and an outstanding naturalist. He had a keen appreciation of the beautiful and the symmetrical in nature and art. His ideas were original, and in his many public speeches he delivered his thoughts with force and eloquence. His knowledge of local history and Indian lore excelled the average and which his lectures brilliantly illustrated. His camp at Colcord Pond was filled with the craftsmanship of a woodsman and Indian artifacts. Mr. Cook died in 1939. In his "Introduction" to his poem, Mr. Cook says:

"The thought expressed in the following stanzas were suggested to the mind of the author by a recent visit to the old schoolhouse on Norton's Hill in Porter, Maine, where thirty years before he was enrolled as a pupil. At that time, no more thrifty or prosperous people inhabited any part of the town, than were the frugal and industrious citizens of Norton's Hill, but the change of conditions during the past thirty years is, indeed, sad to witness. Only three of the homesteads are now occupied, where thirty years ago was a thickly settled neighbourhood, with large families.

"The privileges afforded pupils at that time, as compared with those of today, were extremely meager, although at that time they were considered fairly liberal. The author, then but a small lad, was obliged to travel over two miles each day, and during the winter on snowshoes, to attend his school.



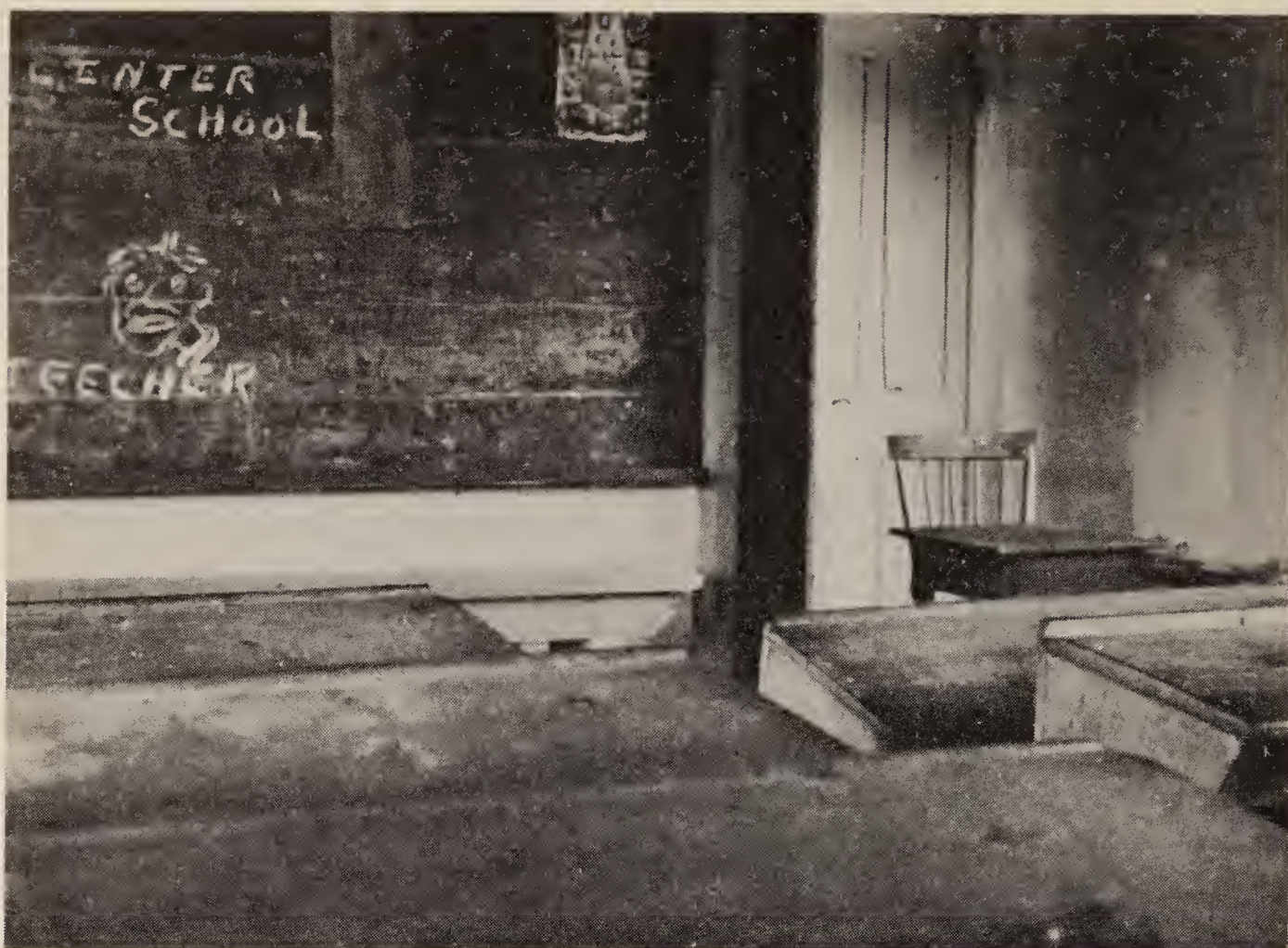


The Rand School in District No. 11 in 1900. The teacher here is Isaac Drowns, one of Porter's most experienced District School teachers. The pupils are unidentified.



Porterfield (Lord) School Group, early 1900s. John Chapman, teacher.





Center School (1918), with large black-board "down front," typical of "district schools."



"Head of the Pond" schoolhouse. It stood near the upper end of Bickford Pond.



"On the pleasant Sabbath morning in April, referred to in the first stanzas, as the writer approached this dear old spot, his thoughts were filled with sadness as he contemplated upon change since the days of long ago. Not a sound save the sweet notes of a few of the first harbingers of springtime was there to break the almost painful stillness, and before his mental vision was spread a panoramic view of the experiences of thirty years ago, and as the inspired artist rapidly wields his brush to preserve the glorious tints of a gorgeous sunset ere it fades to the sombre gray of evening, so the author eagerly traced the burning thoughts as they crowded thick and fast upon his uninitiated pen.

"Dear reader, if the perusal of these simple lines is in any way instrumental in affording you pleasure or aids in the least in renewing the fires of friendship, which the lapse of time, and the cares of business may have caused to grow dim, then indeed will the writer feel that he is amply rewarded, and his labor not in vain."

### Reminiscences of School Days

Once, in the early spring time  
On a pleasant April day,  
I strolled me to a lonely spot  
On a hillside far away,  
And my soul was filled with sadness  
As I thought of days of yore,  
When groups of merry children  
Gathered round the old schoolhouse door.

Long I stood, and gazed, and listened,  
And in fancy I could hear  
Again the ringing laughter  
Of the youngsters coming near.  
Long I stood, and gazed, and listened,  
Yet, my waiting was in vain,  
For those merry lads and lassies  
Ne'er would gather here again.



Then I passed inside the doorway  
And I viewed the inside aghast,  
For the change was sad to witness  
Since the days so long gone past.  
Naught was there but desolation,  
Each old wall was black and grim,  
The windows, they were broken,  
And the roof was falling in.

But the old familiar benches  
On the sunny eastern side  
All were there, and again I sat me  
In the one I occupied;  
One thing then I missed most sadly  
'Twas the teacher's old red chair,  
Where, with word, or knotty problem  
We would all at times repair.

On the desk top just before me  
In the same board worn and old,  
Was the jack knife's carved initials  
Of two names cut rude and bold;  
I remember well who cut them  
'Twas my seat-mate U. S. P.  
While the other just beneath it,  
Was the letters L. L. C.

Just across in the opposite corner  
There was naught but vacancy,  
Once 'twas filled with a source of comfort  
'Twas where the woodpile used to be;  
And when grim and cheerless winter  
Gave full vent to his cruel ire,  
How we crowded close together  
Round the roaring open fire.

Sweet indeed, those days of childhood,  
When, with hearts both light and gay  
We assembled here together,  
On the hillside, day by day;  
Here was learned some wholesome lessons  
Mixed with childish care and strife,  
Here was formed the warmest friendship  
That would last us all through life.

Long ago this merry party  
Parted here, one night for aye,  
And how sad the separation  
When each to each had said, "Good-Bye";  
For, ne'er again would they assemble  
On this dear old sunny spot,  
But sweet indeed are the hallowed memories,  
That will never be forgot.

Where is now the merry party  
That assembled here each day?  
They have all dispersed and wandered  
Far away! Far away!  
Some of them, are men of genius,  
Some of wealth, and power, and fame,  
Some have earned by hard endeavor  
For themselves an honored name.

Some have gone away in silence  
To a school in Heaven above  
Where the Lord Divine is master,  
One that's ruled by holy love;  
They have passed beyond the hearing  
Of the teacher's calling bell,  
For a larger spoke their ages  
As it tolled their funeral knell.



When at last I vaguely started  
To pursue my homeward way,  
Every rock and tree and hilltop  
Called to mind another day;  
And, as I turned and gazed in silence  
For one more look ere we should part  
How those tender recollections  
Seemed to cluster round my heart.

Dear old House! Thou must still linger  
Here, through winters drear and chill,  
Yet, my thoughts will often visit thee  
Alone, upon the hill,  
In my memory hangs a picture  
Unsurpassed by human skill,  
Of a plain, old fashioned schoolhouse,  
On a bleak and lonely hill."

## XXVII

### PARSONSFIELD-PORTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Organized in 1946

Incorporated, 1953

Officers, 1955-56

President ..... Mrs. Ina Stanley Emery  
Vice President ..... Mrs. Marie Norton  
Secretary ..... Mrs. Edith Smith  
Treasurer ..... Mrs. Mildred Stanley  
Auditor ..... Miss Margaret Strout  
Custodian ..... Mrs. Flora Nason

#### Committee Chairmen

#### Membership:

Parsonsfeld ..... Mrs. Mildred Banks  
Porter ..... Mrs. Mildred Stacy  
Sunshine ..... Mrs. Florence G. Norton  
Ways and Means ..... Mrs. Margaret Tucker

#### Reporters:

Sanford Tribune ..... Mrs. Helen Merrifield  
Portland Press Herald-Express .... Mrs. Pansy Staples  
"Reflections" ..... Organ of the Parsonsfeld-Porter Historical  
Society

Editors: ..... Miss Margaret Strout  
Mrs. Ina N. Emery

#### Charter Members of the Parsonsfeld-Porter Historical Society

#### Parsonsfeld:

Mrs. Kathryn Bailly  
Sidney R. Batchelder

#### Porter:

Curtis Chapman  
Pauline Chapman





Dr. William Teg, *left*, author of this History. Ina Emery, founder of the Parsonsfield-Porter Historical Society. Orion

Stanley, Charter Member Treasurer. Edith (Mrs. Vincent Smith,), *inset*, Charter Member Secretary, and still serving in 1956.



Mrs. Christine Boothby  
E. Harry Boothby  
Linwood Burbank  
Miss Marion Burbank  
Allen Chellis  
Mrs. Carol Doe  
LaForest Doe  
Mrs. Isabelle Emery  
Frank D. Fenderson  
Laura J. Fenderson  
Jose W. Fenderson  
George French  
Earle Glidden  
Miss Hazel Hasty  
Mr. Thomas Henderson  
Mrs. Thomas Henderson  
Fred N. Leavitt  
Elsie Leavitt  
Sewell MacDaniel  
Florence MacDaniel  
Mr. Nils Nelson  
Mrs. Svea Nelson  
Miss May Brit Nelson  
Mrs. Florence G. Norton  
Fred A. Nutter  
Edith Nutter  
Clarence Pierce  
Esther Pierce  
Harry Pratt  
Miss Louise Sanborn  
Raymond V. Smith  
Edith Smith

Mrs. Marguerite Churchill  
Mrs. Bertha M. Doe  
D. R. Garland  
Mrs. Florence Garland  
Mrs. Bernice Goodwin  
John Greenan  
Carl Hammond  
Claude Kelly  
Mrs. Helen Merrifield  
Mrs. Alice Merrifield  
Mrs. Lydia Milliken  
Clarence Sawyer  
Harriet Sawyer  
Paul Stacy  
Carl Stanley  
Fannie Stanley  
Orion Stanley  
May Stanley  
Preston J. Stanley  
Sidney B. Stanley  
Miss Margaret Strout  
Ralph Tucker  
Margaret Tucker  
Mrs. Evelyn Watkins  
Mrs. Blanche Woodbury

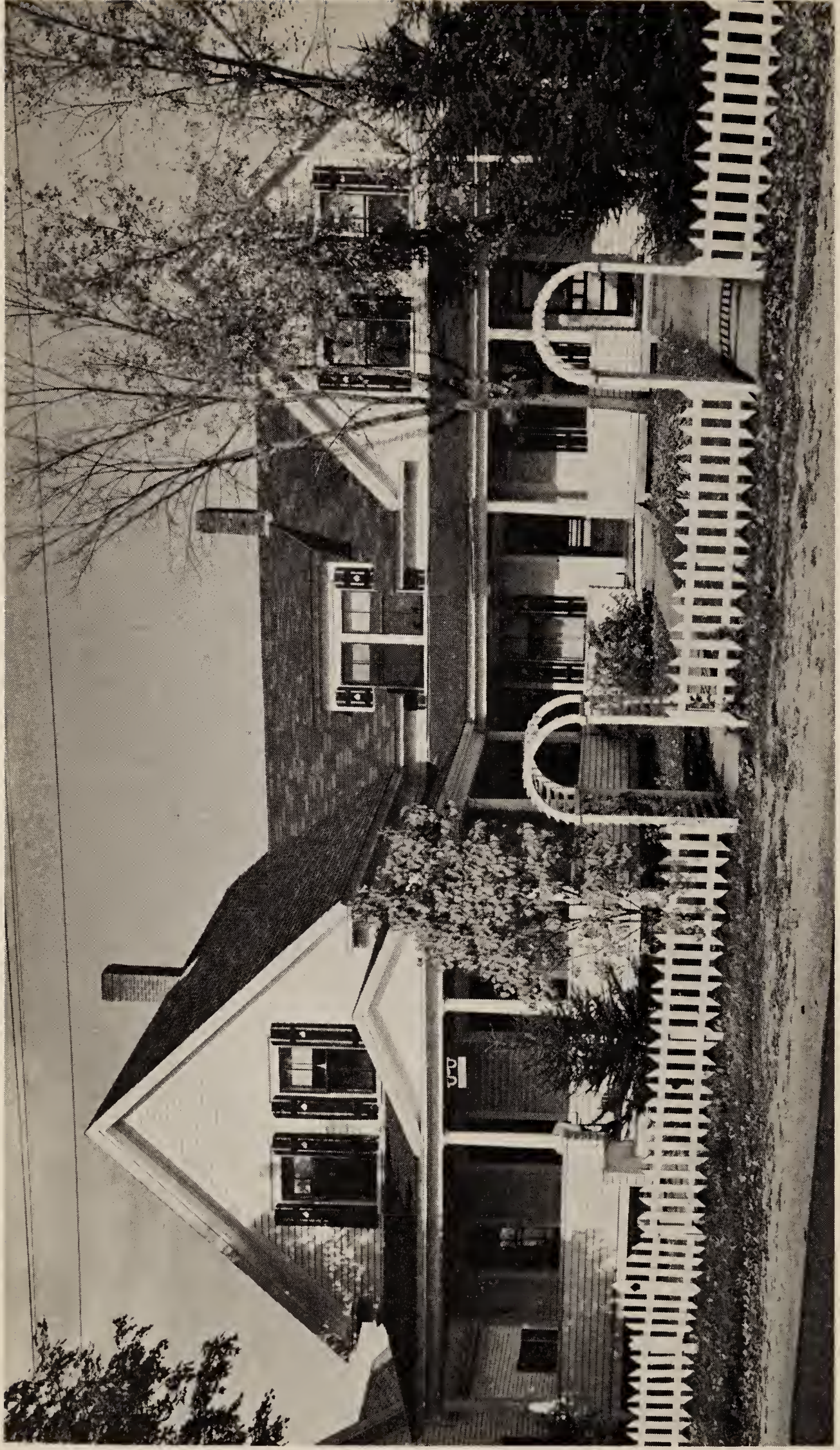
Brownfield:  
Mrs. Elsie Mains

Cornish:  
Walter Pulsifier

E. Wakefield, N. H.  
Mrs. Henry Furber

New Haven, Conn.:  
Mrs. Ellen Libby Eastman





Home of the Parsonsfield-Porter Historical Society.



Raymond Smith, Jr.

Miss Velma Smith

Aubrey Tabor

Helen Tabor

James Tabor

New York:

Henry Parsons

Saco:

Dr. Laura Black Stickney

Skowhegan:

Mrs. Florence S. Higgins

## Home of the Parsonsfield-Porter Historical Society

### A Dream That Materialized

In a nutshell, here's **how** and **why** a dream was transformed into an historical society — "Reflections" is the informant. It was on August 27, 1946, that sixteen persons from Parsonsfield and Porter convened at Norton's Hall in Kezar Falls to put life into a cherished dream. Mrs. Ina Naomi Emery was the author of that dream! The erstwhile dream, once organized to function as an entity presented a promising outlook. Mrs. Emery was unanimously chosen by those assembled to superintend the growth, development and progress of the association. Thenceforth, and now for a decade, Mrs. Emery has served as President of the Parsonsfield-Porter Historical Society.

The other officers elected at this first meeting of the Society were: Mr. Carl Stanley, Vice President; Mrs. Edith Smith, Secretary; Mr. Orion Stanley, Treasurer.

And **why** did the dream become a reality? Why, simply because it had a worthy objective. Article II of the Society's By-laws reads as follows: "The object of this organization shall be to furnish an opportunity for united thought and action in collecting, preserving and publishing whatever may be related to the early and late history of the towns of Parsonsfield and Porter and to preserve such articles or relics of the early settlers of the country and such records of colonial and later wars and such other objects and records as may be of interest to the Society."



## XXVIII

### DONATIONS AND THEIR CONTRIBUTORS

The Society has repeatedly stressed the necessity of having antiques of historic importance properly preserved, and the response to this appeal has been most gratifying as substantiated by the following memorabilia. All the donations are preserved — many on display — at the home of the Society on Main Street, Kezar Falls, Maine.

#### GIFTS:

Old Parsonsfield Account Book (1816) .....  
Porter Militia Roll (1829) .....  
Two Bibles, more than a century old .....  
History of Parsonsfield (1888) .....  
History of Porter (1879) .....  
Two antique plates .....

#### DONORS:

Florence W. Garland  
Mrs. Levi Cook  
Miss Edith L. Gillmor  
Florence G. Norton  
Raymond Staples  
Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Bragdon,  
West Falmouth

Many priceless town records dating from 1807; of  
the greatest importance to the historian .....

Interesting scrap-book clippings .....  
Civil War cane and books .....  
Saco, Me.

Organ for Porter Old Meeting House .....  
Mrs. Flora Nason

Parsonsfield Seminary Graduation Program (1894) .....  
Mrs. Flora Nason

Poster of Thanksgiving Ball (1889) .....  
Mrs. Flora Nason

Old Painting by Carrie Newbegin — over 100  
years old .....  
Mrs. Coote Elliot

Early Portland Transcripts .....  
Frank Jock

"1837 Award of Merit to Mary Gould —" .....  
grandmother of the donor .....  
Mrs. Bernice Goodwin

Old letters and photographs .....  
Mrs. Bernice Goodwin

2 Porter Old Meeting House signs — painted by  
the donor .....  
Miss Margaret Strout

Collection of photographs .....	Mrs. Lilla Bickford
Natural colored hemp table-cloth .....	Mrs. Della Allen, Dover, N. H.
Early Account Books .....	Dr. William Teg
Teaching certificates (1885) — to Miss Nellie Ridlon (Mrs. Nellie Brooks) .....	Mrs. Vernon Stanley
"Scenic Gems of Maine" (1897); other books and photographs .....	Bavil Kennison
Methodist Almanac (1873) and antique parasol ....	Mrs. Edith Smith
Picture of Elder Loring Staples .....	Bennett Staples
Town Register of Fryeburg, Lovell, Sweden, Stow and Chatham (1907) .....	Preston Stanley
Old albums and photographs .....	Delbert Mason
Porter Old Meeting House Pulpit .....	Dr. William Teg
Col. John Moulton's Papers (1811-1853) .....	Dr. William Teg
Hon. Thomas Moulton's Papers (1859-1874) .....	Dr. William Teg
Warren Libby's Diary (1855-1919) .....	Dr. William Teg
Meshach and Stephen Libby's Depositions .....	Dr. William Teg
Record book of the Pillsbury School, from the 1830's to the 1860's .....	Minnie Trueworthy
Many photos, restored from old faded ones .....	George W. French
Moulton Family History .....	Mrs. Raymond Garland
Books and Maps .....	Dr. William Teg
Old pictures and mittens .....	Adelia Ridlon
Early newspapers .....	Frank Jock
Town Crier's Bell .....	May Pierce
Old Account Books .....	Frank Holmes
Powder-horn and hand-hewn spoon .....	Mrs. John Spring
Large number of books .....	Henry Parsons
York County and Maine Maps .....	Adis Stearns
Early Town Reports .....	Pauline Chapman
Family Register and early papers .....	Rev. Curtis L. Stanley
Flaxwheel, comb and bootjack .....	Bertha Ridlon
Old Time Stories and Travels .....	Minnie Trueworthy
Old schoolbooks and newspapers .....	John Chapman
Album and early photographs .....	Allen Chellis
Early newspapers .....	Flora Nason
Old maps .....	Doris Locke
Ancient "Blue Laws" Book .....	Mrs. Fred Morgan
First Edition of Ossipee Valley Weekly .....	Elizabeth Stanley
Old-fashioned clothing .....	Isabelle Emery
Burnham Family Deeds .....	Florence L. Morrill
Maine Militia (1827) .....	Ruth Sanborn
Early papers and almanacs .....	Clarence Lord
Diary of Revolutionary Soldier .....	Fannie Y. Spring



Oxford County Atlas .....	Deborah Parks
School picture .....	Addie Weeks McEwen
Very old picture of Parsonsfield Seminary .....	Curtis Sweat
Porter Check List (1886) .....	Samuel Blazo
Early School Books .....	Curtis Fox
Gideon T. Ridlon's "Saco Valley Settlements" ....	Mr. and Mrs. John Garner
Collection of Ossipee Valley Weekly papers (1910-1915-1916) .....	Mr. and Mrs. Perley Stacey
Early Parsonsfield Town Reports .....	Mr. and Mrs. Perley Stacey
Prized picture of Ezra James Towle and John French playing checkers — grandfather and father, respectively, of George French, who made the photograph .....	Mr. and Mrs. Perley Stacey
Elisha Wadleigh's "Snake Cane" .....	Mr. and Mrs. Perley Stacey
Knife made of a whale's tooth by Christopher Sawyer; grandfather of Mrs. Stacey .....	Mr. and Mrs. Perley Stacey
Linen towel, beautifully embroidered, which be- longed to Mrs. Stacey's grandmother .....	Mr. and Mrs. Perley Stacey
Loring Staples Ward's Chair — this child's chair was presented to him on his 2nd birthday. He was the son of Elder Cyrus Kimball Ward — who frequently preached at the Porter Old Meeting House in the early days — and Joanna (Spencer) Ward of Baldwin .....	Mrs. Susan Leonard, Cumberland Mills, Maine
Book of Civil War Pictures .....	Frank Holmes
Forty printed copies of the poem, "The Old Stone Fence of Maine," by Isabel McArthur .....	Perley Lord
Adjutant General's Report (1866) .....	Charley Sawyer
First Register of Malvern Hotel .....	Mrs. Lida Hubbard
U.S. Flag with 47 Stars and pictures .....	Rinaldo Giovanella
Photographs of local people .....	Wm. Bushby, Southern Pines, N. C.
Large framed picture of Elder Wm. Cotton and wife .....	Rev. Harry Cotton
English Grammar (1833); old books and docu- ments .....	Mrs. Minnie Trueworthy
Picture of Porter Village School (c. 1883) .....	Mrs. Dana Tuttle
Painting of Parsonsfield Seminary (1853) .....	Mrs. Edna Churchill
History of "The Dark Day" .....	Rev. H. O. Megert
First Record Book of Kezar Falls Burial Ground Society .....	Miss Amanda Fox
Court Records (1821-1863) .....	Miss Amanda Fox
Two large scrap-books .....	Miss Amanda Fox
Large album of local people .....	Miss Amanda Fox

A piece of wood off the hub of a British cannon used at Yorktown, Va., in 1781 .....	Mrs. Amy Hussey
Beautiful doll (c. 1884) .....	Mrs. Amy Hussey and Mrs. Gertrude Stacey
Old cartridge case, bayonet, etc. ....	Former Mayor M. Pillsbury of Saco.
A trunk filled with various articles .....	Mrs. Isabelle Emery
Numerous Parsonsfield Seminary Graduation Pro- grams and photographs .....	Mrs. Kate Barker Thurston
Frank Pendexter's toy squirrel .....	Mrs. Lyla Wentworth, E. Baldwin
Large album and Shadow Box, etc. ....	Clifton and Ruth Horne, Fairfield, Me.
Souvenir Parsonsfield Centennial .....	Ellsworth Burbank
"Poets of Maine" .....	Mr. and Mrs. Loring Spring
School Record Book (1834) and Old Church picture .....	Mrs. Elizabeth Mains
Dolman (c. 1854) .....	Mrs. Curtis L. Stanley
Tool Catalogues .....	Ernest Edwards
Daguerreotypes and a large album .....	Mrs. Lida Hubbard
Maine Register (1887) and dress form .....	Mr. and Mrs. Dana Tuttle
District of Maine Statistics (1816) .....	Charles Sawyer
Whale oil lamp .....	Ralph Tucker
Individual pewter teapot .....	Mrs. Raymond Garland
Gavel for the President; first K.F. gas light lamp	Eugene C. Quint
Album of tintypes and clock from original bank ..	Mrs. Arthur E. Wiggin
1st Juror's Box of Porter .....	Frank Holmes
Two autograph albums (c. 1854) .....	Charles Fox
Oxford County Register (1873) .....	Mrs. Alta Mason
Constitution of Maine (1835) .....	Albert Hanson
Parsonsfield Town Reports .....	Mrs. Mildred Banks
Over \$1200 worth of picture plates sold by Sewell McDaniel. This is an outstanding contribution to the P. P. H. Society .....	Sewell McDaniel
Parsonsfield Seminary Year Books .....	Mrs. Marie Norton
Farmers' Almanac (1872) .....	Mrs. Florence G. Norton
Exposition of Bible. Pub. London, 1710. ....	Mrs. Evelyn Estes
Early newspapers .....	Rev. H. O. Megert and Albert Hanson
Pictures .....	Marie Norton, Luella Lord, Helen Merrifield, Mildred Stanley, Bernice Goodwin, Lula Wentworth
Three Antique plates. Grandmother's shawl .....	Mrs. Della Allen, Dover, N. H.



Oxyoke, a watch, odd dishes .....	Mrs. Lawrence Hall,
Two old fans (originally in the possession of Aunt Sally Pillsbury of Parsonsfield) .....	Newcastle, Me. Mrs. Margaret Batchelder Dyer, Standish, Me.
Photographs; framed pictures of Mrs. Batchelder's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Batchelder of Porter and Mr. and Mrs. William Kezar of Parsonsfield; also a baby dress worn by her grandfather Kezar .....	Mrs. Margaret Batchelder Dyer, Standish, Me.
Dress form (now used by the Society to display old-fashioned gowns). A box of fancy, old-fashioned calling-cards; a plank key to the old Porter Village Post Office; an enlarged framed picture of Lieut. Lucian Stacy of Porter .....	Mrs. Raymond Garland
Several pieces of the wedding dishes which belonged to Mr. Tucker's great grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Abram Chapman, who were married in 1827; a blanket, the material for which was raised on the farm and made entirely by Mrs. Chapman .....	Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tucker
Grandmother Storer's shawl .....	Mrs. Flora Nason
A framed copy of the New York Herald of 1865, announcing the assassination of President Lincoln .....	Mrs. Flora Nason
Photographs. The Gould-Stanley Association record books of 50 years .....	Mrs. Flora Nason
Parsonsfield Town Reports (complete set) .....	Mr. R. Ven Smith
Old-fashioned clothing .....	Miss Lura Colcord, Cornish, Me.
Clock — 1806 .....	Ludo Chapman
Grandmother's Wedding dress and ring — 1856 ..	Maurice Durgin
Wedding dishes, Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Cousins — 1813 .....	Miss Enna Fowler
Knitted bed spread .....	Mrs. Evelyn Day
Chair of Gen. Peleg Wadsworth and pictures .....	Mrs. Winifred Malloy
Knight's Pythias 3d Degree Team picture .....	Leon Gilpatrick
Jeremiah Pugsley family picture .....	Mrs. Delia Champion
100 year old nut cracker .....	Arthur Sawyer
Autographed picture President Dwight D. Eisenhower; Picture Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower; Autographed picture Senator Margaret Chase Smith .....	Procured through efforts of Margaret Strout

History of York and Kittery .....	Mrs. Fred C. Morgan, Saco, Me.
Kezar Falls Post Office Record .....	Sewell MacDaniel
Old-time nut cracker .....	Sewell MacDaniel
Blazo Day Books, dating from 1807 .....	Samuel Blazo
Three hand-made school books .....	Samuel Blazo
Eight lists of Porter voters .....	Samuel Blazo
100 copies of Oxford Democrat (1860-1880) .....	George French
Old-fashioned desk .....	Allen Garner
Letter (1808) written by Elder Benj. Randall .....	Arlene Hasty
Doll (1870) .....	Miss Margaret Strout
Grandmother's wedding dishes .....	Miss Margaret Strout
Bible, Town Register, album .....	Iva Cutting
Vacuum cleaner (1910 model) .....	Whitman Day
30 coffee cups .....	Bruce Nason
Silverware .....	Edna Churchill
Manikin and Picture Woolen Mill, Kezar Falls ..	Madeline Wakefield
Coffee-grinder, pitcher, baby bonnet (c. 1856) .....	Evelyn Watkins
Antique silk shawl from China .....	Amy Hussey
Book-case .....	Eugene C. Quint
Old gowns and clothing .....	Isabelle Emery
Table and display show-case .....	Ina Emery
Three tables for recreation hall .....	Anonymous
Pictures, photographs, books, papers .....	Mrs. Florence Leavitt, Rin- nardo Giovanella, Warren Mason, Lula Wentworth, Charles Sawyer, Perley Cross, Cathie Quint, Owen Griffith, Iva Cutting, Lu- ella Lord, Mildred Stanley, Preston Stanley, Joseph Ridlon, Bernice Goodwin, 'Mrs. Burgess.
Old rosewood piano (made in Portland, Me.); large black walnut book-case. Both came from Henry W. Longfellow's birthplace in Portland Maine .....	Mrs. Bhima Sturtevant, Old Orchard Beach, President of the International Long- fellow Association.
Surgical instruments, and a pair of saddlebags used by Dr. James Bradbury of Parsonsfield (Mrs. Hall's grandfather) over 100 years ago ....	Mrs. Lawrence Hall, Newcastle, Me.



Antique plate and Scrap Book .....	Mrs. Elsie Mains
Early newspapers .....	Mrs. Evie Hunt
Apron — 1880 .....	Mrs. May Hadlock
Album .....	Mrs. Mildred Stacy
Picture Longfellow and 12 coffee cups .....	Mr. and Mrs. Perley Cross

Any gifts omitted was unintentional.

Through the timely efforts of the Parsonsfield-Porter Historical Society, several highly important historic landmarks have been preserved for futurity. The Parsonsfield-Porter Covered Bridge has been repaired; the Porter Old Meeting House renovated; the Town Pound restored.

Respecting this Town Pound, let's consult the Porter Town Records: "Town Meeting Monday 4th of April, 1825. Voted to build a Pound near the Meetinghouse as conveniently can be. Manner of building said Pound submitted to the Selectmen . . . Which is as follows viz.: to be two rods square with rocks six feet high; beginning with rocks four feet thick at the bottom and to taper off to two feet thin and a railing of timber on the top two feet high. The rock work to be faced on both sides and to be made stout and strong and to be two rods inside also to furnish a proper door and lock and key. Voted said Pound go at auction to be built and struck off to Benjamin French at \$24.00." Henry Tibbets, Jr., was made Pound Keeper.

Incidentally, a pound was already in use elsewhere as early as or earlier than 1807 — this statement is verified by the fact that at the Town Meeting held on March 20, 1807 (Article 17), James Coffin was voted pound-keeper. A pound-keeper without a pound would be unthinkable, hence the Society has to ferret out its whereabouts!

There is probably much material of historic value still hidden in garrets that, if it were only made available, would enlighten us on many an abstruse point concerning persons, places and events. It is indeed gratifying to know that the public is growing more and more conscious of scientific research — of accounts deemed worthy of preservation by their authors found recorded in old family Bibles, Parish Registers, School Registers, School Agent's Census Returns, wills, deeds and other documents.

In the annual edition of "Reflections," you'll find recorded, not only all the doings of the Society, but other literary productions of merit contributed by men and women from all walks of life. Well may the talented and charming editors of "Reflections" be proud of this herald of intelligent tidings!

The beautiful home of the Parsonsfield-Porter Historical Society, situated on Main Street, Kezar Falls, town of Porter, was acquired in 1955. This spacious building was built in the latter part of the past century by Preston J. Stanley (1853-1902).



## XXIX

### PRIVATE AND COMMUNAL BURIAL GROUNDS

(Consult the 1875 map of the town of Porter)

1. Porter Village Cemetery.
2. Riverside Cemetery, Kezar Falls.
3. Porterfield Cemetery.
4. Libby Burying-Ground. About 300 feet to the west of road between Geo. W. Ridlon and W. S. and F. C. Mason.
5. Moulton Cemetery. On the western slope of Libby Hill (also known as "Bald Face" and "Mason Mountain"), a few hundred feet to the south of M. S. Moulton.
6. Towle Burying-Ground. On Mr. Clarence Turner's farm.
7. Wormwood Burying-Ground. Below S. Durgin; near the Brownfield Road (No. 160).
8. Tripp Burying-Ground. On Porterfield Road — on the T. Tripp place.
9. Brownfield Road Burying-Ground. On knoll, to the left at entrance to "Camp Hiawatha."
10. French-Gilman Cemetery. Near road, to the south of the Gilman place.
11. Sargent Burial-Ground. On Linville Sargent Farm; at head of Bickford Pond.
12. French Cemetery. Beside the first county road, opposite the Sidney Libby Place.
13. Libby-Mason Burial-Ground. Near road, below the T. C. Libby Place.
14. Isolated Grave on Libby Hill. To the south of T. C. Libby — now the Saunders' "Cape Solitude."
15. Isolated Grave near the "Gilman Place." About 400 feet from

road, in the woods.

16. Emery Burying-Ground. On Colcord Pond Road; to the south of Mrs. Raffy's home.
17. Sargent-Rounds Burying-Ground. At Porterfield; on southern slope of Pine Hill.
18. Roberts Burial-Ground. On Mr. Giovanella's estate; near Mr. Littlefield's home.
19. Day Burial-Ground. In the deep woods, on the hillside to the east of Mr. Rinardo Giovanella's residence.
20. Pearl Burial-Ground. On road to "Cook Neighborhood;" south slope of Moulton Ridge.
21. Libby Cemetery. On the Wallace Durgin farm; near road to the "Cook Neighborhood."
22. Kennard Hill Burial-Ground. On right close to road.
23. French Burial-Ground. On the Aldo French farm; about 300 feet below house, in woods.
24. "Walker Place" Burial-Ground. In "Lord Neighborhood," on knoll just beyond the "Walker Place."
25. Floid Burial-Ground. In "Cook Neighborhood," near site of school house.
26. Libby-Fox Burial-Ground. On Oliver Chapman farm; in pasture just above house.
27. Hubbard Burial-Ground. On knoll above Hubbard Brook, near road, south of Bickford Pond.

### Porter Village Cemetery

Alley, Ansel E., d. 5/7/1921; age 71-6-20.

, Addie S., 1st wife of Ansel E. d. 1/15/188; age 35-8-18.

, Nellie J., 2nd wife of Ansel E. d. 1/25/1912; age 52-3-2.

, Eugene W., son of Ansel E. & Nellie J. b. 5/2/1890, d. 6/14/1916.

Barry, Dexter B., d. 9/3/1859; age 43-3-20.

, Julia A., wife of Dexter B. d. 12/11/1876; age 59-10 m.

Bickford, Arlene Blanch, b. 5/30/1946, d. 6/22/1946.

, Isaac, d. 2/28/1889; age 67-9-22. Flag.

, Mary J., wife of Isaac, d. 4/12/1904; age 73-6-15.



- , Alonzo, son of Isaac & Mary J. d. 9/15/1862; age 8-3-12.
- , Edgar, b. 10/3/1851; d. 4/29/1907.
- , Arvilla, dau. of Isaac & Mary J. d. 10/19/1863; 1-10-11.
- , Clara, infant dau. of Isaac & Mary J. d. 12/12/1863.
- , Claude E. b. 7/4/1877; d. 11/23/1924.
- , Mary E., wife of Edgar, b. 10/3/1851; d. 4/29/1907.
- , Lilla M., b. 2/28/1870; d. 3/4/1956.
- Billings, Jackson T., son of Samuel & Mercy. d. 3/2/1839; age 8-5-17.
- Blake, Albion H., b. 5/24/1827; d. 3/3/1911.
- , Mary E., b. 7/1/1838; d. 3/11/1892.
- , Eugene C., son of A. H. & M. E. d. 7/27/1860.
- , Arthur E. d. 9/24/1881; age 11-1 m.
- Blazo, Ebenezer, d. 4/30/1892; age 90-4-25.
- , Lovinia, wife of Ebenezer, d. 4/30/1829; age 21-1-2.
- , Elizabeth G., wife of Ebenezer, d. 1/3/1854; age 47-6-21.
- , Susan, wife of Ebenezer, d. 11/20/1865; age 50-1-1.
- , David A., son of Ebenezer & Lovinia, d. 3/25/1834; age 6-10-11.
- , Ezra G., d. 9/9/1863; age 29-9-13. Flag.
- , Amos, b. 10/23/1839; d. 2/4/1903.
- , Ada Wiggin, wife of Amos, b. 4/23/1854; d. 5/26/1936.
- Boody, J. Frank, 1856-19
- , Mary Ellen Gilman, wife of J. Frank, 1842-1920.
- Bowden, Matilda, b. 2/12/1834; d. 4/7/1920.
- Boynton, Josephine Jenkins, b. 10/13/1862; d. 11/13/1911.
- Brooks, A. A., d. 7/3/1872; age 28.
- , Betsy A., d. 3/13/1889; age 62.
- , Asahel, d. 6/22/1868; age 68.
- , Betsy, wife of Asahel, d. 5/5/1877; age 72.
- , Timothy H., d. 10/30/1883; age 54.
- Chapman, Sylvanus B., d. 6/22/1893; age 73-4-12.
- , Mercy T., d. 9/21/1885; age 60-7-1.
- , Theodore G., b. 1/6/1878; d. 8/16/1940.
- , Bertha M. Wescott, wife of Theodore G. b. 6/12/1879.
- Chick, Ellen, wife of Thomas Chick, d. 5/3/1837; age 23.
- , Stillman J., b. 5/14/1856.

- Colcord, Jesse, d. 11/25/1881; age 48-10-5.  
    , Emma, wife of Jesse (formerly wife of James Towle).
- Cole, Capt. Henry, d. 4/6/1840; age 75-7-29. Flag.  
    , Henry C., d. 5/3/1841; age 31-3-2.  
    , Thomas J., son of H. C. & Emily A. Cole, d. 4/11/1840;  
        age 1-10 m.  
    , Mabel H., 1864-1931.  
    , Sarah E. (Mother), 1839-1924.  
    , Laurel M. (Brother), 1863-1891.
- Cook, Jonathan, d. 11/16/1877; age 72-5-29.  
    , Rose Ann, dau. of J. & Mary A. Cook, d. 7/26/1854; age  
        17-1 m.  
    , Mary J., dau. of J. & Mary A. d. 8/9/1854; age 6-7 m.  
    , Joseph B., b. 12/8/1819; d. 8/17/1873. Flag.
- Cook, James, b. 11/18/1846; d. 4/2/1882.  
    , Eva A., b. 10/2/1853; d. 7/18/1911.  
    , David W., b. 2/5/1845; d. 4/29/1860. Flag.  
    , Joseph B., b. 1/7/1854; d. 4/12/1874.  
    , George M., b. 2/4/1857; d. 5/1/1875.  
    , Angie, b. 5/5/1860; d. 7/8/1863.  
    , Clara Towle, b. 2/22/1877; d. 5/2/1941.
- Cross, Charlie E., b. 7/9/1868; d. 9/22/1929.  
    , Jennie McFadden, wife of Charles E. b. 9/12/1869; d.  
        4/30/1947.  
    , Frank S., 1881-1921.  
    , Moses, 1843-1911. Flag.  
    , Rebecca, wife of Moses, 1845—.
- Cummings, Lucy A. Day, wife of John Cummings, 1840-1913.
- Cutting, "Infant," dau. of Keith & Susie Cutting, b. 11/22/1932;  
    d. 11/28/1932.
- Danforth, Ezra, b. 8/9/1871; d. 5/28/1945.  
    , Lilian, 9/14/1883.
- Day, Margie E. Ridlon, wife of Leslie Day, b. 2/28/1890; d.  
    7/1/1920.  
    , Mary M., wife of Freeman Day, 1860-1922.
- Douglass, Melvin, b. 3/28/1861; d. 12/18/1927.





The Pound in 1917, over 100 years old at the time.



The Corn Shop in 1924.



, Josephine F., b. 6/11/1853; d. 9/18/1927.

, Joseph, b. 4/30/1859; d. 1/16/1910.

, Laura E. Towle, wife of Joseph Douglass, d. 8/27/1900;  
age 42-11-29.

Durgin, Wallace N., 1879-1946.

, Lawrence J. "Bud", b. 3/13/1911; d. 9/17/1946.

Eastman, Ezra E., 1851-1948.

Edgerly, Charles O., 1839-1910.

, Maria J., wife of Charles O. 1844-1924.

, Charles O. 1863-1863.

, Frances (infant), 1863.

, Charles D., 1866-1868.

, Lucy E., 1868-1905.

, George W., 1871-1881.

, Jennie F., 1871-1920.

Foss, Newhall A., b. 10/12/1844; d. 7/11/1888.

Fox, Abra., 1816-1892.

, Calvin C., 1850—.

, Emma N. French, wife of C. C. Fox, 1853-1882.

, Rosalinda P. Pugsley, wife of C. C. Fox, 1844-1923.

, David M., d. 3/10/1888; age 72. Flag. ,

, Mary Ann, wife of David M. Fox, d. 10/2/1889; age 74.

, Samuel, b. 11/12/1806; d. 5/16/1878.

, Nancy, wife of Samuel Fox, b. 4/4/1808; d. 2/9/1881.

, Matilda, b. 1/11/1852; d. 8/17/1861.

, Willie, b. 8/12/1855; d. 4/29/1861.

, William (Stanley), 1861-1939.

French, Samuel, B., b. 11/17/1814; d. 4/30/1904.

, Mary, wife of Samuel French, b. 4/23/1828; d. 8/29/1912.

, Olive C. Linscott, b. 2/27/1870; d. 9/17/1906.

, Aldo, b. 1/24/1860; d. 1/22/1943.

, Jacob H., b. 2/17/1856; d. 1/23/1941.

, Emma Stanley, wife of Jacob H. French, b. 10/24/1858;  
d. 2/10/1941.

, Isaac L., b. 9/1/1829; d. 12/4/1893.

, Anna P., wife of Isaac L. French, b. 9/23/1833; d. 2/23/1858.



- , Infant, son of Isaac L. & Anna P. French, d. 2/3/1858.
- , Ernest B., son of Isaac L. & Anna P. French, d. 6/27/1868;  
age 2-2 m.
- , Ida A., dau. of Isaac L. & Abbie French, d. 4/6/1873; age  
9-10-17.
- , Rowena F. Kenerson, wife of Monroe French, d. 2/8/1933;  
age 84-8-20.
- , Archie E., son of E. & M. French, d. 8/30/1894; age 1-18 days.
- , Bertha A., dau. of E. & H. French, d. 10/12/1877; age 8 mos.
- , "Baby," son of E. & M. French, d. 2/14/1891; age 3 days.
- , Nancy T., 1818-1871.
- , James French, Jr., 1822-1892.
- , Curtis W., d. Sept. 1880; age 3 mos.
- , Gertrude M., 1886-1888.
- , Lillian, d. May, 1888; age 2 mos.
- , Sydney C., 1872-1902.
- , James M., 1847-1928.
- , Syrena F., 1848-1925.
- , Charles, 1857-1938.
- , Forrest, b. 2/7/1898; d. 11/1/1918.
- , Lydia S., wife of John P. French, d. 6/3/1893; age 75-6-20.
- , John P., d. 3/2/1891; age 79-4-2.
- , Warren, b. 8/25/1831; d. 1/20/1912.
- , Isabell M., wife of Warren French, b. 5/18/1832; d. 5/6/1913.
- , Addie M. B., b. 4/22/1870; d. 3/12/1873.
- , George H., b. 4/12/1862; d. 5/31/1875.
- , Wm. French, Jr., 1801-1885.
- , Betsy, wife of Wm. French, Jr., 1800-1858.
- , Judith, wife of Wm. French, Jr., 1818-1875.
- , William, d. 7/22/1869; age 92-9-7.
- , Keziah, wife of Wm. French, d. 9/18/1855; age 89-5-20.
- , John M., son of Wm. & Keziah French, d. 3/11/1813; 5-9-20.
- , Isaac, d. 6/25/1828 or 1826; age 25-1-11.
- , Major James, d. 11/2/1888; age 90-11-8.
- , Sally, wife of Maj. James French, d. 4/18/1876; age 76-7-6.
- , Abbie C., wife of Maj. James French, d. 8/8/1888; age 67-2-27.

- , Eunice S., dau. of James & Sally French, d. 6/14/1841; age 14-8 mos.
- , Mamie, 1885-1886.
- , Moses B., 1823-1904.
- , Charlotte, wife of Moses B. French, 1823-1864.
- , Annie M., wife of W. D. French, 1842-1890.
- Garland, Elias R., b. 8/14/1861; d. 4/28/1940.
  - , Nellie M. Stacy, wife of Elias R. Garland, b. 3/16/1865; d. 1/25/1934.
  - , Ralph M., son of Elias R. & Nellie M. Garland, d. 10/9/1888; age 3-16 days.
  - , Alida R., dau. of E. R. & N. M. Garland, d. 7/30/1889; age 1-6-29.
  - , James, 1811-1895.
  - , Sarah T., wife of James Garland, 1809-1895.
  - , David T., son of James Garland, d. 1/16/1881; age 31.
  - , David A., d. 9/25/1843; age 7 mos.
  - , Samuel T., d. 7/19/1882; age 33-9-29.
- Gentleman, John, d. 1/26/1856; age 54-9-1.
  - , Almira, d. 7/18/1864; age 59-5-22.
  - , Wm. F., b. 4/17/1827; d. 1/19/1886.
  - , Dianna A., wife of Wm. F. Gentleman, b. 10/17/1829; d. 8/31/1878.
  - , Ernest L., b. 3/22/1859; d. 2/19/1862 (son of Wm. F. & D. A. Gentleman).
  - , Olin, b. 11/27/1857; d. 2/7/1858. (son of Wm. F. & D. A. Gentleman.)
  - , Capt. Joseph O., b. 6/25/1837; d. 6/14/1904. Flag.
  - , Lydia A., wife of Capt. J. O. Gentleman, b. 12/3/1847; d. 1/13/1884.
  - , Bertrand, son of J. O. & L. A. Gentleman, b. 7/16/1872; d. 10/17/1880.
- Gibbs, Abner K., 1838-1903.
  - , Sarah A., wife of A. K. Gibbs, 1834-1905.
  - , Isaac L., son of A. K. & S. A. Gibbs, 1864-1903.
  - , Edward, b. 5/17/1871; d. 1/14/1916.



- , Mabel B. Estes, wife of E. Gibbs, b. 7/13/1875; d. 3/18/1916.
- , Elsie B., dau. of E. Gibbs, b. 2/28/1902; d. 4/23/1917.
- , Mabel B., (no record).
- Goodwin, Harry, 1887—.
- , Vesta M., wife of Harry Goodwin, 1896-1914.
- Gould, Julia, wife of Elias Gould & dau. of Major J. & S. French,  
d. 3/9/1847; age 26.
- , Charles B., son of Elias & Julia Gould, d. 6/9/1849; age 6.
- Guptill, Timothy, d. 11/25/1845; age 36-11 mos.
- , Katie, dau. of Timothy & Catherine Guptill, d. 11/10/1865;  
age 19-9-7.
- , Harrison, b. 9/28/1835; d. 3/20/1924.
- Hadlock, John B., b. 4/28/1860; d. 10/5/1939.
- Haley, Lydia, wife of Almon Haley, d. 10/7/1875; age 21-1-16.
- Hall, Virtue S., 1886—.
- Harmon, Jr. Percy LeRoy, b. 11/22/1925; d. 3/16/1942.
- Harriman, Herbert L., 1854-1912.
- , Sarah A., 1853-1926.
- Hathaway, Philip A., d. 5/15/1863; age 19-9-15.
- Heard, Capt. James, d. 1/16/1860; age 58.
- , Eunice, wife of Capt. J. Heard, d. 7/10/1898; age 85-10-15.
- , Mary Jane, wife of Capt. J. Heard, d. 9/26/1842; age 31-8-6.
- , Augusta, dau. of James & Mary Jane, d. 5/20/1847; age 17-4  
mos.
- , Ira, son of James & Mary Jane, d. 2/25/1842; age 2-7-20.
- , "Infant," dau. of James & Mary Jane, d. 6/1842.
- , Betsy Cook, b. 12/27/1821; d. 3/27/1878.
- Herriman, Abraham, d. 4/23/1867; age 76-5 days.
- , Nancy J., wife of Abraham Herriman, d. 6/15/1873; age  
78-1 m.
- , Hazen W., d. 3/1/1880; age 54-9 mos.
- , Elizabeth E., wife of H. W. Herriman, d. 5/9/1860; age  
33-8 mos.
- , "Infant," son of H. W. & E. E. Herriman, d. 7/13/1858.
- , Walton P., son of H. W. & E. E. Herriman, d. 9/20/1861;  
age 5-6-7.

, Amrose, d. 7/24/1876; age 54-11-24.

, Frank A., 5/15/1886; age 38-3 mos.

, Benjamin F., son of Amrose & Eliza Herriman, d. 8/30/1845;  
age 11 mos.

Hill, Arsenath, wife of Joseph Hill, d. 3/18/1868; age 21-6-14.

Holmes, Wm. M., b. 5/15/1867, d. 10/17/1928.

, Minnie E., wife of Wm. M. Holmes, b. 6/10/1879,  
d. 4/4/1921.

, Nemiah T., b. 10/3/1834, d. 8/18/1912.

, Lydia A., wife of N. T. Holmes, b. 4/26/1840, d. 12/15/  
1915.

, Lonnie, son of N. T. & L. A. Holmes, d. 1/13/1883; age  
10-11-20.

, Nettie Stanley, wife of Elmer E. Holmes, b. 12/19/1862,  
d. 12/9/1950.

, Elmer E., b. 7/27/1861, d. 11/7/1893.

, Abbie A., dau. of Joseph A. & Susan Holmes, d. 11/15/1899;  
age 45-7-23.

, J. Albert, b. 3/11/1833, d. 2/19/1923.

, Susan A. Clemons, wife of J. Albert Holmes, b. 9/21/1834,  
d. 3/2/1927.

, Elizabeth A., dau. of Joseph & Hannah Holmes, d. 2/19/  
1843; age 7-2-22.

, Charles A., b. 9/30/1858, d. 12/6/1920.

, Lillian E., wife of Chas. A. Holmes, b. 10/27/1857;  
d. 3/23/1919.

Hopkinson, Herbert, 1887-1918.

, Lena Libby, 1889—.

Howard, Wm. R., 1833-1903.

, Louisa H., wife of Wm. Howard, 1831-1867.

, Cathrine B., wife of John Howard, d. 4/2/1876; age 62-10-3.

Inghram, Amos A., 1875-1946.

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Jenkins, Joseph B., b. 7/19/1825, d. 3/16/1889.

, Deborah B., b. 6/28/1825, d. 3/1/1902.

, Saddle M., b. 9/13/1860, d. 10/14/1885.



Kenerson, Rev. Ivory, b. 4/29/1819, d. 7/11/1897.

, Lucy, wife of Rev. Ivory Kenerson, b. 11/10/1821, d. 10/13/1882.

, Margaret F., b. 4/13/1879, d. 7/14/1953.

, Alvah G., d. 1/18/1905; age 19-11-27.

Leavitt, John G., d. 6/2/1883; age 70-4-28.

, Mary M. (formerly wife of John Leavitt), d. 8/26/1891; age 66-3-7.

, Fred, 1862-1941.

Libby, Levi, d. 6/19/1956; age 53.

, Charles F., son of Joseph & Mary Libby, d. 2/11/1850; age 5-3 mos.

, N. T., 1837-1887.

, Reliance C., wife of N. T. Libby, 1837-1930.

, Isaac, 1809-1891.

, Roxana B., wife of Isaac Libby, 1812-1899.

, Edwin R., 1859-1927.

, Hattie A., wife of E. R. Libby, 1860-1883.

, Randall Libby, d. 6/5/1880; age 64-7-5.

, Sally, wife of Randall Libby, 1818-1911.

, George W., 1854-1926.

, Emma J. Thompson, wife of G. W. Libby, 1860-1937.

, Lory A., 1887-1919.

, Harrison L., 1902-1943.

, Thomas B., b. 11/5/1849, d. 6/6/1930.

, Ruth R., wife of T. B. Libby, b. 10/8/1850, d. 9/10/1923.

, Tobias, b. 11/23/1873, d. 11/1/1948.

, Ruth A. Cummings, wife of Tobias Libby, 1875-1918.

, Alonzo S., 1859-1928.

, Hannah M. Chapple, wife of Alonzo S. Libby, 1859-1919.

, Tobias, d. 6/30/1858; (or 6/3?); age 75-2-28.

, Abigail, wife of Tobias Libby, d. 2/19/1868; age 79-11-19.

, Daniel, b. 3/19/1821, d. 4/12/1872.

, Almira Howard, wife of Daniel Libby, b. 12/8/1835, d. 2/20/1929.

, Hattie E., dau. of Daniel & Almira H. Libby, d. 11/22/1866;

age 1-10-19.

, Joel T., d. 1/7/1918; age 91.

, Ruth L., wife of J. T. Libby, d. 7/24/1883; age 57-6-3.

, Orison G., d. 5/11/1876.

, Gertrude M., wife of Orison G. Libby, b. 4/18/1882,  
d. 8/28/1929.

Mason, Emily A., wife of Moses S. Mason, d. 4/18/1864; age 49-2-16.

Mason, Infant son of M. S. & E. A. Mason, d. 8/26/1849; age 3 days.

, Infant son of M. S. & E. A. Mason, d. 8/21/1857; age 1  
month, 24 days.

, Infant son of M. S. & E. A. Mason, age 5 months.

, Simon, d. 8/16/1851; age 46-2 mos.

, Jane C., wife of S. Mason, d. 11/22/1880; age 72-3 mos.

, Fred L., 1869-1942.

, Lula F., wife of F. L. Mason, 1876-1914.

, Meshach, 1797-1884.

, Wm. S., 1825-1909.

, Eliza J., wife of Wm. S. Mason, 1837-1906.

, Gertrude F., dau. of F. C. & A. P. Mason, d. 10/7/1881;  
age 4.

, Ruth M., wife of Fred L. Mason, 1888-1947.

, James E., 1841-1901.

, Beverly Ann, b. 10/29/1934, d. 9/27/1939.

Maxwell, Samuel T., d. 1/13/1881; age 69-3-18.

, Sarah, d. 4/9/1846; age 28-1-7. Wife of S. T. Maxwell.

, Lydia, wife of S. T. Maxwell, d. 4/3/1888; age 67-6-11.

, Lyman T., son of S. & Lydia A. Maxwell, d. 9/21/1858;  
age 3 years.

, Lydia A. M., dau. of S. & Lydia A. Maxwell, 4/23/1845;  
age 3 mos.

, James M. E., son of S. & Lydia A. Maxwell, d. 2/1/

, Levi A., adopted son of Samuel & Lydia Maxwell, d. 8/20/  
1862; age 5-9 mos.

McCartee, David C., d. 12/27/1876; age 35-1-15.

, Eliza, wife of D. C. McCartee, d. 9/2/1870; age 25-4-26.

Meserve, Timothy, d. 9/30/1889; age 83-4-18.



- , Sally, wife of Timothy Meserve, d. 6/7/1894; age 85-1-21.
- Milliken, John W., b. 10/13/1850, d. 12/13/1922.
  - , Nancy J. Barry, wife of J. W. Milliken, b. 9/18/1849, d. 4/2/1901.
  - , Bertha P., b. 2/11/1877, d. 11/26/1905.
  - , Florence B., b. 3/4/1880, d. 11/10/1886.
  - , Herbert H., b. 8/19/1883, d. 7/22/1918. Flag.
- Morrill, Lydia, 8/26/1826, d. 8/31/1891; age 65-5 days.
- Moulton, Joseph G., d. 10/3/1870; age 80-4-20.
  - , Phoebe C., wife of J. G. Moulton, d. 9/10/1871; age 78-3-20.
  - , John S., d. 3/6/1902; age 82-5-11.
  - , Lucy J., wife of J. S. Moulton, d. 5/5/1891; age 70-2-20.
- Norton, Moses F., b. 12/17/1836, d. 7/24/1903. Flag.
  - , Ruth A., wife of Moses F. Norton, b. 1/17/1843, d. 8/17/1931.
  - , Ernest E., son of M. F. & R. A. Norton, d. 12/25/1868; age 3-4 mos.
  - , Edwin M., 1869-1894.
  - , G. A., 1838-1894.
  - , Ursula T., wife of G. A. Norton, 1838-1919.
  - , Noyes R., 1858-1930.
  - , Gilman, 1811-1895.
- Nutter, Ed., 1863-195—.
  - , Jennie, 1894-1938.
- Parker, Alger J., b. 12/12/1851, d. 3/26/1913.
  - , Amanda M., b. 2/10/1839, d. 9/25/1914.
- Pearl, Isaac F., d. 6/21/1917; age 69-6 mos.
  - , Caroline, wife of Isaac F. Pearl, d. 11/8/1907; age 58-9 mos.
  - , James C., d. 10/13/1890; age 86-8-7.
  - , Hannah T., wife of J. C. Pearl, d. 3/2/1874; age 67-7 mos.
- Pendexter, John, 1860—.
  - , Carrie Day, wife of John S. Pendexter, 1866-1918.
- Perkins, Jane, wife of Wm. H. Perkins, d. 2/24/1842; age 36-3 mos.
  - , Emily Jane, dau. of Jane & Wm. H. Perkins, d. 12/5/1846; age 9.
- Perry, Ellen W., wife of Samuel G. Perry, d. 5/11/1878; age 45-7-2.

, Samuel G., d. 4/6/1891; age 60-12 days.

, Caroline, wife of Elder Luther C. Perry, d. 10/14/1844;  
age 34.

Philbrick, Wm. T., d. 9/13/1908; age 84-7-25.

, Sarah E., wife of Wm. T. Philbrick, d. 10/31/1881; age  
55-2 days.

, Frederick, b. 9/10/1811, d. 6/20/1900.

, Clarissa Young, wife of Frederick Philbrick, b. 1/13/1811,  
d. 4/25/1872.

, Eliza A., wife of Wm. T. Philbrick, d. 2/22/1916; age  
84-10-24.

Potter, Juanita F., dau. of Ray T. & Una Potter, b. 7/15/1942, d.  
3/21/1943.

Pratt, Mary E., 1819-1907.

, Levi, b. 7/6/1811, d. 9/30/1883.

, David B., b. 6/6/1854, d. 6/25/1891.

, Annie C., wife of David B. Pratt, b. 11/25/1854, d. 9/1/  
1898.

, Ellen, b. 9/25/1843, d. 4/17/1847.

, M. Ella, b. 8/31/1852, d. 4/17/1847.

, L. Willie, b. 5/11/1857, d. 10/24/1865. Children of  
Levi & Mary E. Pratt

, James E., 1841-1901.

, Harriet G., 1846-1913.

Rice, Joseph T., 1830-1902.

, Abbie R., 1829-1910.

, Lillian M., dau. of Joseph T. & Abbie R. Rice, d. 12/16/  
1901, age 36-3-15.

, Susan L., dau. of Joseph T. & Abbie R. Rice, d. 2/21/  
1868; age 3 mos., 16 days.

, Thomas C., son of Joseph T. & Abbie R. Rice, d. 5/11/  
1863; age 6-6-19.

, Edwin Ruthvin, son of Joseph T. & Abbie R. Rice, d.  
7/9/1873; age 18-10-18.

, John W., b. 9/8/1859, d. 3/1/1918.

, Sarah E. Meyers, wife of J. W. Rice, b. 8/30/1855, d.  
6/21/1931.



, Calvin P., d. 11/5/1878; age 33 years.

, Charles E., son of Calvin P. & Mary E. Rice, d. 8/12/1871;  
age 4 mos., 12 days.

, Lillian E., dau. of Albert & Eunice Rice, d. 10/18/1867;  
age 11-3-13.

Ridlon, Wm. Ridlon, 1843-1911.

, Ruth R., wife of Wm. Ridlon, 1840-1886.

, David A., 1858-1935.

, Etta R., wife of D. A. Ridlon, 1860-1935.

, Julia A. Stanley, wife of Henry R. Ridlon, b. 8/28/1839,  
d. 3/12/1918.

Roberts, Amos R., b. 8/10/1838, d. 2/13/1903.

, Hannah T., wife of A. R. Roberts, b. 8/2/1834, d. 5/27/  
1904.

oshua S., d. 3/6/1853; age 37.

, Eliza B., b. 8/16/1809, d. 1/6/1892.

, John, son of J. S. & Eliza B. Roberts, d. 4/1/1869; age  
20-9-9.

Rounds, Nathaniel, d. 6/15/1884; age 69-4-12.

, Harriet D., wife of N. Rounds, d. 9/10/1868; age 48-6-4.

, Elias, son of N. & H. D. Rounds, d. 10/10/1853; age 2  
mos. 10 days.

, Alonzo E., 1858-1934.

, Sarah Fox, wife of A. E. Rounds, 1857-1919.

, Flora E., dau. of A. E. & Sarah F. Rounds, d. 3/26/1892;  
age 1-2-25.

, H. D. R. (no record).

, Charles A., son of George F. & P. J. Rounds, 1871-1881.

Sanborn, Lucy E., wife of John Sanborn, d. 4/20/1921; age 80.

Sargent, Isaac L., d. 10/25/1884; age 42.

, Addison A., b. 9/16/1886, d. 10/14/1951.

Sawyer, Mary, 1800-1885.

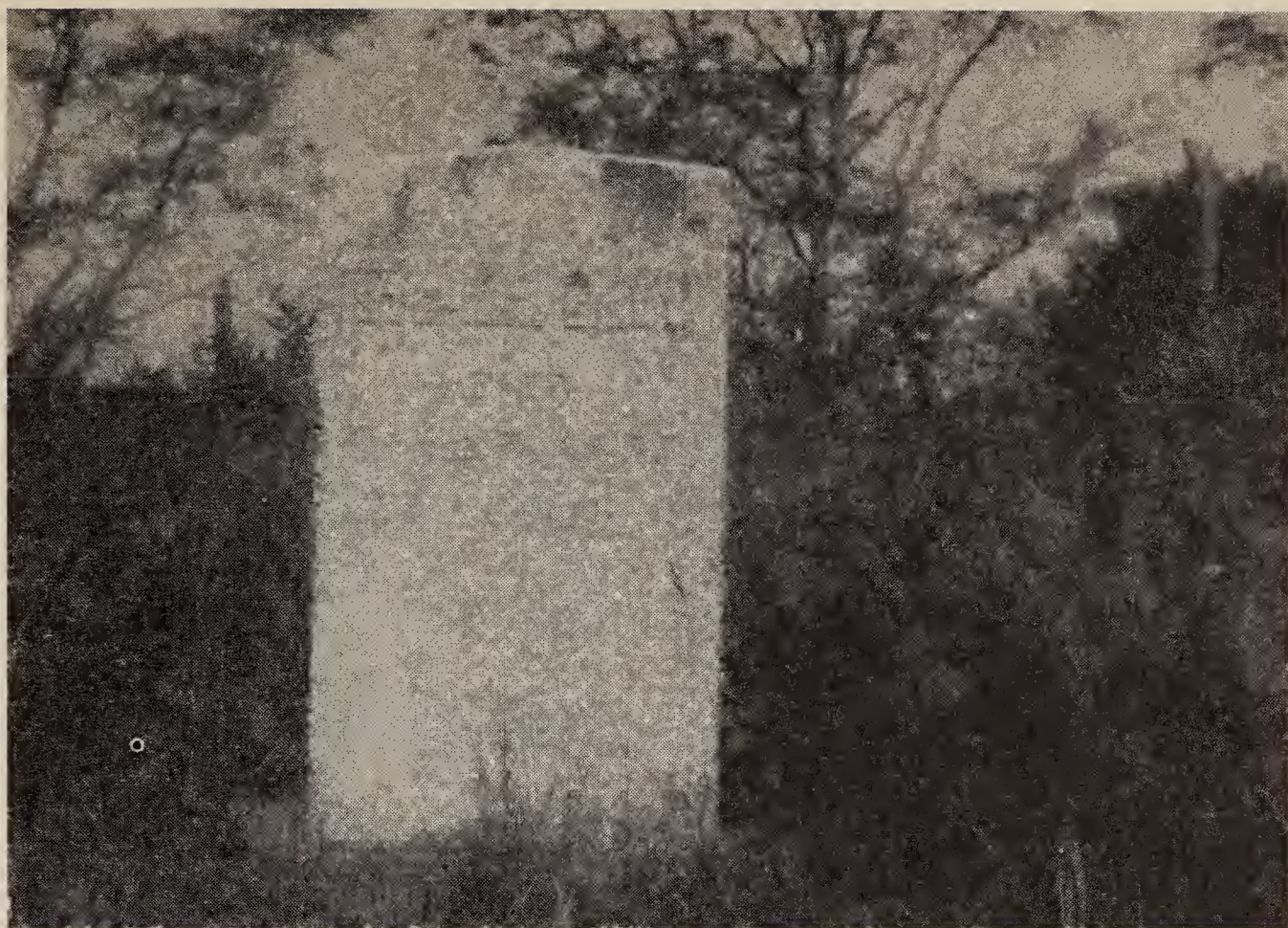
, Levi, 1797-1874. Flag.

, Henry H., 1834-1909. Flag.

, Matilda T., wife of H. H. Sawyer, 1840-1923.

, Wm. E., 1859-1928.





The Gravestone of Stephen Libby (1956). *Photo by Teg.*



The Mill School-house (1910), located on the road from the village to Bickford Pond.



- , Angie Mary, wife of Wm. E. Sawyer, 1865-1911.
- , Nehemiah T., 1861-1864.
- , Nemiah E., 1871-1914.
- , Vivian E., 1890-1941.
- , Wm. H., 1847-1927.
- , Sarah M. Stacey, wife of Wm. H. Sawyer, 1850-1919.
- , Frank W., son of E. W. & Mabel Sawyer, 1900-1900.
- , Freeman W., b. 9/3/1851, d. 9/14/1938.
- Sawyer, Sarah F. Towle, wife of Freeman W. Sawyer, b. 11/7/1850, d. 1/1/1921.
- , Wm. T., 1824-1904.
- , Abigail F., wife of Wm. T. Sawyer, d. 8/16/1898; age 71-3-9.
- , Sewal, d. 3/23/1892; age 46-2-1.
- , Susan, wife of Sewal Sawyer, d. 6/16/1943; age 92-10-22.
- , Ida A., wife of Mark S. Sawyer, d. 2/8/1948; age 72-4-29.
- , Ivy H., dau. of M. S. & Ida A. Sawyer.
- , Infant.
- , Alphonzo, 1854-1898.
- , Emma S., wife of Alphonzo Sawyer, 1858-1901.
- , Laura (no date).
- Shaw, Asa F., b. 10/23/1856, d. 9/23/1901.
- , Lizzie Sarah, wife of Asa F. Shaw, b. 9/7/1862, d. 6/11/1947.
- , F. Guy, son of Asa F. & L. S. Shaw, d. 3/22/1896; age 17-2-13.
- Silva, Edwin A., b. 7/29/1874, d. 12/13/1935.
- , Henrietta E., wife of E. A. Silva, b. 10/29/1875, d. 4/11/1941.
- Smith, Hannah, wife of Daniel E. Smith, d. 2/27/1887; age 64-10-5.
- , Herbert L., 1878-1940.
- , Ethel F. Rice, wife of H. L. Smith, 1883-1939.
- , Charles D., 1908-1908.
- , Ira L. Smith, Jr., 1917-1941. Flag.
- Stacy, Alice G. d. 7/1/1913; age 42-5 mos.
- , Lillian Stacy, dau. of A. G. Stacy, d. 9/27/1892; age 2 mos. 13 days.

- , Alton E., son of H. E. & Helen Stacy, 1931-1931.
- Stanley, John, b. 4/15/1830, d. 2/28/1911.
  - , Martha Jane, wife of J. Stanley, b. 9/4/1832, d. 10/12/1913.
  - , Rev. Joseph, d. 7/13/1869; age 62-6-22.
  - , Nancy C., wife of Rev. Joseph Stanley, d. 7/23/1885; age 80-3-9.
  - , Wm., b. 7/9/1825, d. 5/12/1898.
  - , Jennette Aldrich, wife of Wm. Stanley, b. 1/17/1833, d. 8/30/1898.
  - , Nettie, dau. of Wm. & Jennette A. Stanley, d. 7/9/1860; age 8-8-3.
  - , James, b. 3/2/1804, d. 3/10/1885.
  - , Charles, b. 5/21/1825, d. 5/31/1908.
  - , Capt. Moses N., d. 3/18/1882; age 48-10-2. Flag.
  - , Roxanna M., wife of Capt. M. N. Stanley, d. 2/24/1867; age 31-10-9.
  - , George E., 1848-1920.
  - , Julia, wife of Geo. E. Stanley, 1855-1888.
  - , Fulton L., son of Geo. E. & Julia Stanley, 1883-1902.
  - , Lorenzo D., d. 11/26/1899; age 72-21 days.
  - , Olive D., wife of L. D. Stanley, d. 1/10/1908; age 79-6-10.
  - , Georgianna, dau. of L. D. & O. D. Stanley, d. 9/20/1855; age 1-10-25.
  - , Alvin C., b. 4/9/1857, d. 2/23/1931.
  - , Martha Philbrick, wife of Alvin C. Stanley, b. 7/19/1853, d. 12/8/1925.
  - , Infant son of Curtis L. & Mary L. Stanley, d. 3/15/1915.
  - , Chester S. Curtis, son of Curtis L. & Mary L. Stanley, b. 7/26/1918, d. 8/29/1918.
  - , William, 1861-1939.
- Stetson, Fred E., 1887-1946.
  - , Ethel M., 1893-19—.
  - , Joan Lillian, dau. of Elroy & Elsie Stetson, d. 3/8/1940.
- Taylor, Samuel, 1781-1846.
  - , Sarah C., wife of S. Taylor, 1785-1866.



- , Samuel Taylor, 1812-1855.
- , Eliza Ann, 1820-1842.
- , William, 1810-1883.
- , Sally R., wife of Wm. Taylor, 1809-1866.
- Tidd, Hadley F., 1864-1937.
- , Earle H., b. 10/5/1895, d. 3/16/1939. Flag.
- , Margaret M., 1865-19—.
- Towle, William, d. 6/4/1882; age 58-7-20.
- , Nancy H., wife of Wm. Towle, d. 3/10/1903; age 78-10 mos.
- , David, d. 8/7/1860; age 72-7 mos. Flag.
- Towle, Sally, wife of David Towle, d. 4/21/1853; age 63-11-6.
- , Joseph, d. 12/27/1848; age 76-3-24.
- , James F., d. 5/4/1874; age 38-4-9.
- , Irving R., d. 7/30/1889; age 25-8-14.
- , Roscoe, d. 12/6/1885; age 32-7-12.
- , Austin, 11/15/1848, d. 4/13/1928.
- , Nellie Frances, wife of A. Towle, b. 7/3/1857, d. 3/24/1885.
- , Frank Irving, son of N. F. & Austin Towle, b. 5/29/1877, d. 2/28/1886.
- , Ivory R., d. 12/19/1903; age 56-1-6.
- , Mary E., wife of Irving R. Towle, d. 4/11/1921; age 67-4-22.
- , Clemena, 2nd wife of David Towle, d. 10/24/1870; age 61.
- , Richard M., d. 3/28/1832; age 1-10-3.
- , Joseph G., 1806-1875.
- , Ruth, wife of J. G. Towle, 1807-1887.
- , Etta, 1851-1867.
- , Ruth A., 1832-1834.
- , Keziah A., 1840-1842.
- , Frances R., 1844-1845.
- , Julia, 1847-1849.
- , Wm. B., d. 2/18/1892; age 65-2-25.
- , Sarah J., wife of Wm. B. Towle, d. 7/27/1900; age 70-2-15.
- , Wm. E., d. 10/25/1881; age 25-1-9.
- , Joseph, b. 9/2/1825, d. 4/13/1914.
- , Laura Ann, wife of Joseph Towle (no date).

, Rebecca, d. 8/13/1891; age 89-1-29.

, Sally, wife of David Towle, d. 4/21/1853; age 63-11-6.

Varney, Andrew, 1844-1926.

, David, d. 12/7/1905; age 69-4-26.

, Sarah J., wife of Andrew Varney, 1845-1917.

, Maria Floyd, wife of E. K. Varney, 1880-1931.

, George W., b. 3/3/1866, d. 4/25/1919.

, Alice L. Guptil, wife of Milton Varney, 1880-1931.

, Lucy E. Cole, wife of Llewellyn Varney, d. 2/4/1896; age 22-1-6.

Virtue, Frances, b. 8/10/1844, d. 2/4/1896; age 22-1-6.

Weeks, Doris E., 1909-1941.

Wentworth, Everett, b. 9/7/1865, d. 5/3/1946.

, Carrie Garland, wife of E. Wentworth, b. 10/8/1870, d. 2/24/1939.

, Jessie L., Inf. dau. of C. G. & E. Wentworth, 11/27/1894.

, Edith, Inf. dau. of C. G. & E. Wentworth, b. 3/9/1904, d. 3/14/1904.

, Inf. dau. of C. G. & J. E. Wentworth, 11/24/1910.

, Wesley, 1856-1931.

, Luella, wife of Wesley Wentworth, 1856-1931.

, Bessie C., wife of Fred A. Wentworth, 1871-1943.

, Daniel, b. 4/6/1833, d. 2/27/1912.

, Lucinda, wife of D. Wentworth, b. 1/26/1836, d. 8/26/1854.

, Lydia L., wife of D. Wentworth, 2/16/1834, d. 7/26/1866.

, Salome K., b. 7/6/1840, d. 3/4/1903.

, Lizzie F., b. 11/30/1859, d. 8/2/1861.

, Curtis S., b. 1/8/1868, d. 5/2/1873.

Whitehouse, William Albert, 1859-1915.

, Eliza Jean Rice, wife of Wm. A. Whitehouse, 1841-1923.

Wiggin, Emma A., wife of O. F. Wiggin, 1862-1892.

, Henry, d. 2/22/1841; age 35.

, Jacob H., b. 11/26/1829, d. 12/20/1910.

, O. F., 1859-1887.

, Rose A., wife of J. H. Wiggin, b. 11/1/1835, d. 2/10/1902.



**Riverside Cemetery**  
(Kezar Falls)

- Allen, David D., 1858-1940.  
     , Hosea A., b. 5/18/1869, d. 1/10/1916.
- Andrews, Frank R., b. 4/9/1889, d. 1/10/1934.  
     , Marion Philbrick, wife of Frank R. Andrews, b. 4/29/1894,  
     d. 5/4/1920.
- Avery, Randall, b. 2/29/1888, d. 4/17/1947.
- Banks, Elvira M., 1829-1912.  
     , Isreal, 1816-1902.  
     , Jacob, 1775-1861.  
     , Martha A., 1818-1843.  
     , Martha A., 1841-1853.  
     , Olin, b. 9/24/1869, d. 2/11/1954.  
     , Reliance, 1782-1832.
- Batchelder, Cora M., 1886-1914.  
     , Infant, 1914-1914.  
     , Wm. Edward, son of Cora M. Batchelder, 1914-1928.
- Bennett, Mamie Weeks, d. 7/28/1948; age 78-4-4.
- Benton, Albion P., 1817-1886.  
     , Ina M., 1868-1927.  
     , Jessie S., 1845-1919.  
     , Mary S., 1838-1910.  
     , Peleg W., 1862-1937.  
     , Sarah E., 1849-1873.  
     , Sarah S., 1823-1875.  
     , Homer, d. 9/4/1884; age 2 yrs., 3 days.  
     , Willie, d. 4/10/1885; age 2-5-5.
- Sons of  
Herbert & Ellen  
Benton.
- Black, John, b. 7/17/1805, d. 5/28/1878.  
     , Mary M., wife of John Black, b. 9/23/1807, d. 8/1/1880.
- Bonney, Mary Louisa, wife of Dr. C. F. Bonney, d. 7/10/1862;  
     age 39.  
     , Mary L., dau. of Dr. C. F. & Mary Louisa Bonney, 5/24/  
     1849; age 3 yrs. & 2 mos.  
     , Anna Pearly, dau. of Dr. C. F. & Mary Louisa Bonney, d.  
     11/12/1848; age 8 mos.

- Boothby, Silas M., b. 11/19/1852, d. 12/24/1920.  
    , Grace M. Lovering, wife of Silas M. Boothby, b. 6/22/1856, d. 6/24/1922.
- Boston, Benjamin P., 1847-1931.  
    , Mary A. French, wife of B. P. Boston, 1843-1927.
- Brackett, John, d. 1/21/1848; age 77-10-27.  
    , Jane, wife of John Brackett, d. 2/2/1866; age 94-5-9.  
    , John, d. 12/5/1881; age 81-9-12.  
    , Huldah, wife of John Brackett, d. 2/5/1870; age 70-5-17.  
    , Susan B., d. 2/19/1890; age 63.
- Bradeen, Mary M., 1875-1939.
- Bridges, Mary A., wife of Ami Bridges, d. 5/14/1877; age 54-8-11.
- Brooks, Daniel, d. 12/24/1885; age 68-9 days.  
    , Samuel, d. 4/9/1879; age 79-5 mos.  
    , Betsy, wife of Samuel Brooks, d. 10/25/1877; age 84-2 mos.  
    , Emily A., wife of D. Brooks, later wife of Benj. Wakefield, d. 2/22/1900; age 76-8-10.  
    , Mary J. Day, adopted dau. of Daniel & Emily A. Brooks, d. 7/6/1865; age 22.  
    , Frank H., 1866-1941.  
    , Nellie, b. 6/10/1869, d. 8/7/1953.
- Brown, Infant dau. of Donald W. Brown & Iris E. Lord, d. 6/4/44.
- Burbank, Harry, b. 11/1876, d. 6/28/1952.
- Bushby, John W., 1873-1902.  
    , Ethel, wife of John Bushby, 1879-1943.
- Campbell, Peter S., b. 10/28/1880, d. 6/25/1943.  
    , Ina M., b. 5/12/1880.
- Caston, Dr. E. G., b. 2/11/1890, d. 3/14/1944.
- Champion, DeForest, son of Jacob D. & Rose E. Champion, d. 5/12/1901; age 1 year, 2 mos.
- Chapman, James W., d. 11/19/1917; age 82-2-7.  
    , Abbie S., d. 5/19/1900; age 58-5-5.  
    , Frank M., son of J. W. & Abbie S., d. 1/12/1884; age 16-7 mos.  
    , Anna E., dau. of J. W. & Abbie S. Chapman, d. 1/7/1865; age 21 days.



- , William, d. 9/19/1878; age 71-9 mos.
- , Judith A., wife of Wm. Chapman, d. 11/9/1839; age 34-7 mos.
- , Mercy J., dau. of Wm. & Judith A. Chapman, d. 10/10/1833; age 3-5 mos.
- , Judith E., dau. of Wm. & Judith A. Chapman, d. 11/10/1839; age 12 days.
- , Abraham, b. 4/28/1801, d. 8/20/1890.
- , Susan Mason, wife of Abraham Chapman, b. 12/13/1808, d. 11/11/1896.
- , Obed, d. 10/19/1882; age 79-7-23.
- , Abram H., b. 5/1/1845, d. 2/2/1894.
- , Almeda E. Stanley, wife of Abram H. Chapman, b. 10/9/1849, d. 7/21/1917.
- , William, 1831-1919.
- , Narcissa J. Ridlon, 1839-1893.
- , James E., 1862-1931.
- , Jeanie Stewart, wife of J. E. Chapman, b. 1/5/1868, d. 2/20/1950.
- , Wallace E., 1860-1894.
- , Elmer E., 1861-1938.
- , Lottie (no record).
- , Hanson L., 1833-1919.
- , Emeline M., wife of H. L. Chapman, 1837-1916.
- , Oliver S., 1862-1943.
- , Jessie, wife of O. S. Chapman, 1865-1939.
- , Everett H., b. 10/14/1864, d. 7/18/1948.
- , May E., wife of E. H. Chapman, 1866-1937.
- , George E., 1867-1933.
- , Charles P., 1869-1934.
- , Herbert D., 1872-1925.
- , Gertrude, wife of H. D. Chapman, 1877-1944.
- , Moses J., 1876-1937.
- , Mary E., wife of Moses J. Chapman, 1858-1935.
- , Curtis, b. 6/7/1882, d. 11/16/1947.
- Chellis, William M., b. 12/19/1876, d. 4/13/1948.

, Eva Garner, wife of Wm. M. Chellis, b. 5/25/1873, d. 9/16/1938.

, Mary, dau. of Wm. M. & E. G. Chellis, d. 6/3/1906; age 1-3-14.

Cole, Charles E., b. 4/16/1836, d. 7/29/1922. Flag.

, Mary A., wife of C. E. Cole, b. 11/26/1835, d. 7/23/1902.

, Levi, d. 5/9/1855; age 77-11-18.

, Deborah L., dau. of George & Deborah Cole, d. 9/24/1846; age 12-6-12.

, Ida A., b. 10/5/1880, d. 5/29/1940.

Collomy, Lorenda J., wife of Simeon Collomy, b. 2/3/1840, d. 11/7/1904.

Cousins, Ebenezer, 1820-1910.

, Mina E. Weeks, wife of Eben. Cousins, 1823-1883.

, Nettie, dau. of M. E. W. & E. Cousins, d. 3/1/1879; age 22-10-17

, Elizzie, dau. of M. E. W. & E. Cousins, d. 8/1/1865; age 15-4 mos.

, Elizabeth A., dau. of M. E. W. & E. Cousins, d. 10/9/1847.

, Byron, son of M. E. W. & E. Cousins, d. 9/25/1872; age 2-8-11.

, Martha, dau. of E. & J. E. Cousins, 1851-1928.

, Mary Ellen, dau. of E. & J. E. Cousins, 1844-1922.

Cowen, Joseph M., 1835-1914.

, Eliza P., wife of J. M. Cowen, 1845-1919.

Crabtree, Alonzo, b. 4/9/1880, d. 12/31/1951.

Crowther, Joseph R., b. 2/15/1863, d. 1/9/1933.

, Estelle L., wife of J. R. Crabtree, b. 6/16/1860, d. 5/28/1939.

, Alice L., dau. of E. L. & J. R. Crabtree, d. 6/3/1894; age 1-6-9.

, Margarete, dau. of E. L. & J. R. Crabtree, d. 4/20/1895; age 29 days.

Curtis, Fannie M., b. 1/31/1877, d. 7/31/1941.

Cutting, Russell H., b. 10/14/1900, d. 12/4/1955.

Danforth, Thersie M., dau. of King & Ada M. Danforth, d. 4/20/



1891; age 18 months.

Davis, Charles, 1844-1909.

, Julia A., d. 11/24/1881; age 64-1-7.

, Altia May, dau. of Chas. & Julia A. Davis, d. 12/4/1881;  
age 15-7-9.

, Ezra, b. 5/15/1804, d. 11/20/1887.

, Margaret Sutton, wife of Ezra Davis, b. 3/18/1805, d.  
7/10/1852.

, William B., b. 4/18/1837, d. 9/10/1901.

, Susan Ridlon, wife of Wm. B. Davis, b. 1/16/1838, d.  
10/29/1899.

, George E., 1863-1919.

, Ida E. Berry, wife of George E. Davis, 1864-1927.

, Two infant sons of Ida E. & Geo. E. Davis, 1890 and 1891.

, W. G., 1884-1908.

, Lucia B., 1848-1922.

, Sarah L., wife of Wm. H. Davis, d. 3/5/1854; age 28-6 mos.

Demeritt, Calvin S., 1842-1927.

, Harriet Metcalf, wife of C. S. Demeritt, 1849-1934.

, Eva M., dau. of H. M. & C. S. Demeritt, d. 10/5/1874; age  
1-1-21.

DeWitt, Edward F., son of Hanson R. & Harriet DeWitt (Baby),  
d. 7/11/1942.

Doe, Herbert S., b. 9/25/1880, d. 7/23/1920.

, Bertha M. Wormwood, wife of H. S. Doe, b. 3/14/1885,  
d. 9/7/1951.

, Ruth Edna, dau. of B. M. W. & H. S. Doe, d. 10/21/1911;  
age 1-7-19.

, Infant dau. of Herbert S. & Bertha M. W. Doe, 3/9/1907.

Dow, Hattie R., wife of George Dow, d. 9/6/1870; age 22-7-4.

Durgin, Daniel, 1835-1902.

, Mary J., 1835-1912.

, John R., 8/2/1862, d. 8/19/1947.

, Myrtle E., wife of J. R. Durgin, 1885-1941.

, William E., 1871-1933.

, Alice L., b. 6/13/1870, d. 8/22/1954.

- , Everett A., son of A. L. & Wm. E. Durgin, d. 4/15/1909; age 11-8-5.
- , Infant, dau. of A. L. & Wm. E. Durgin, d. 2/3/1896; age 5 months, 9 days.
- , Guy B., b. 3/24/1882, d. 9/1/1950.
- , Clinton, 1869-1917.
- , Georgie Libby, wife of Clinton Durgin, 1865—.
- , John, d. 1/18/1877; age 58-5 mos.
- , Julia Ann, wife of John Durgin, d. 3/22/1910; age 87-8 mos.
- , Melville G. C., d. 8/23/1868; age 21 8-14.
- , David L., d. 2/19/1925; age 70-6-26.
- , Myra Josephine, d. 11/20/1938; age 79-1-5.
- , Irving L., 1857-1933.
- , Ida M., 1863-1934.
- , Mary A., d. 3/28/1868; age 24-10-5.
- , Roscoe M., 1896-1925.
- , Robert, 1853-1908.
- , Emma F., wife of Robert Durgin, d. 4/29/1884; age 24-7-9.
- Eastman, John W., b. 4/23/1865, d. 12/4/1929.
- , Rose E. Fox, wife of J. W. Eastman, b. 2/1/1865, d. 4/1/1948.
- , Rodney, b. 5/5/1936, d. 1/18/1954.
- Edgecomb, Alfred N., 1874-1919.
- , Edith M. Goodwin, wife of A. N. Edgecomb, 1884—.
- , Andrew, d. 8/3/1898; age 65-7 mos.
- , Sarah J., wife of A. Edgecomb, d. 11/12/1912; age 77-9 mos.
- , Edith, dau. of Andrew & Sarah J. Edgecomb, d. 10/16/1870; age 2 mos., 25 days.
- , Gertrude S., dau. of A. & Sarah J. Edgecomb, d. 3/13/1942; age 65-6-10.
- , James, b. 1/23/1833, d. 1/30/1911.
- , Jane I. Wadsworth, wife of James Edgecomb, b. 5/13/1840, d. 2/5/1918.
- , Frank W., son of Jane I. W. & James Edgecomb, b. 11/11/1879.
- , Edith, b. 3/9/1863, d. 7/5/1938.



- , Eugene W., 1871—.
- , Rosalie Gilpatrick, 1871-1934.
- , Sutton, d. 9/19/1884: age 65-1-13.
- , Mary A., wife of Sutton Edgecomb, d. 1/7/1886; age 64.
- Elliot, Joshua, b. 5/1/1844, d. 2/2/1925.
- , Lizzie F., wife of Joshua Elliot, b. 9/14/1846, d. 12/17/1911.
- , Elwood E., 1871-1936.
- , Bobbie, 1938; age 1-7 mos.
- , William D., 1905; age 4 days.
- , Lida R. (no record).
- Emery, Sarah J., wife of John C. Emery, 1844-1915.
- , Elmer E., b. 1873, d. 11/25/1930.
- Erickson, Ernest Edwin, b. 11/16/1876, d. 2/23/1929.
- , Nora May Ridlon, wife of E. E. Erickson, b. 10/21/1881, d. 4/19/1923.
- , August Edward, b. 11/16/1847, d. 9/20/1923.
- , Maria Helene Lindahl, wife of A. E. Erickson, b. 10/15/1841, d. 3/21/1916.
- Estabrook, Lorrison, b. 4/24/1892, d. 4/12/1955.
- Estes, Harry J., b. 11/5/1883, d. 11/23/1953.
- Fairbanks, Walter E., b. 11/29/1858, d. 1/15/1950.
- Fernald, Gertrude, b. 1/30/1876, age 71-6-10.
- Firth, Bertha Cotton, wife of Oliver G. Firth, 1875—.
- , Oliver G., 1874-1941.
- Floyd, Ada L., 1870-1904.
- Flye, Allen Wilbur, son of H. R. & Martha Flye, b. 2/27/1923, d. 4/7/1923.
- , Allen Wilbur, b. 2/27/1923, d. 4/7/1923.
- Fowler, Walter Scott, 1853-1924.
- , Clara Etta Cousins, wife of W. S. Fowler, 1859-1949.
- Fox, Jonathan, d. 4/6/1885; age 57-3 mos. Flag.
- , Richard, d. 3/17/1863; age 66-6 mos.
- , Abigail C., wife of Richard Fox, d. 5/10/1868; age 68-1-3.
- , Lorenzo D. Fox, d. 1/28/1865.
- , William W., d. 10/30/1862; age 34-10 mos.

- , George A., d. 11/5/1864; age 20.
- , Isiah C., d. 10/17/1846.
- , Edwin R., d. 3/15/1845; age 13-5 mos.
- , George W., d. 3/31/1842; age 2.
- , Nathaniel, d. 2/6/1856; age 66-2 mos.
- , Lucinda, wife of N. Fox, b. 6/23/?.
- , Albion P. (no date). Flag.
- , Achsah L., (1st) wife of A. P. Fox, d. 1/15/1853; age 36.
- , Lydia M., (2nd) wife of A. P. Fox, d. 1/17/1893; age 76-4-8.
- , Lydia, dau. of Lydia M. & A. P. Fox, d. 9/16/1859; age 2-11-3.
- , Thomas E., 1809-1891.
- , Sally, dau. of Almira J. & Thomas E. Fox, d. 2/23/1834; age 11-10.
- , Charles T., son of Almira J. & Thomas E. Fox, d. 9/18/1861; age 22-1-20.
- , Charles T., 1866-1893.
- , Ephraim, d. 4/3/1866; age 73-8-4. Flag.
- , Daniel J., b. 1839, d. 19—.
- , Clara, wife of D. J. Fox, 1837-1909.
- , Martha A., wife of Thomas E. Fox, 1835-1923.
- , Cora F., 1869-1869.
- , Charles T., 1866-1893.
- , F. W., b. 1/4/1868, d. 8/1/1950.
- , Ada Ridlon, wife of Fred W. Fox, 1868-1926.
- , Frank Guy, b. 3/28/1892, d. 9/14/1951.
- , Mabel L., 1895-1895.
- , Howard T., 1900-1900.
- , Herman J., 1871-1924.
- , Manda McDonald, wife of H. J. Fox, 1868-1903.
- , Connie, 1918-1936.
- , Edwin, 1892-1943.
- , Elijah, d. 6/21/1810; age 29.
- , Hannah, wife of Elijah Fox, 6/1/1818; age 34.
- , Sheridan P., b. 3/28/1865, d. 5/9/1927.



- , Ellen Jenks, wife of S. P. Fox, b. 12/25/1866.
- , Jonathan, 1851-1928.
- , Sarah A. French, wife of Jonathan Fox, 1843-1930.
- , Emma E., dau. of Sarah A. F. & Jonathan Fox, 1880-1884.
- , Jonathan, d. 1/2/1862; age 75-1-5.
- , Saloma, wife of Jonathan Fox, d. 12/29/1877; age 84-9 days.
- , Francis A., b. 6/28/1858, d. 2/18/1916.
- , Gertrude Watson, wife of Francis A. Fox, b. 2/17/1868, d. 6/19/1937.
- , Henry S., b. 6/12/1864, d. 4/26/1904.
- , Lillian G. Brooks, wife of Curtis A. Fox, 1891-1918.
- , Nathaniel, d. 2/6/1856; age 66-2 mos.
- , Lucinda, wife of Nathaniel Fox, b. 6/23/?
- French, Francena, b. 8/5/1857; age 93 years, 8 days.
- , Frederick M., 1865-1933.
- , Nellie G. Ridlon, wife of Fred M. French, b. 11/28/1867, d. June, 1949.
- , Clayton Heard, 1895-1935, son of N. G. R. & F. M. French.
- , Emery Ridlon, son of N. G. R. & F. M. French.
- , Ernest L., 5/15/1916: age 25-10 mos.
- , William R., b. 8/7/1879, d. 4/14/1953.
- , John S., d. 1/27/1926; age 75-3-11.
- Garland, Charles R., b. 8/2/1864, d. 10/19/1947.
- , Lillian H. Libby, wife of C. R. Garland, 1877-1933.
- , Charles K., b. 11/27/1846, d. 11/22/1930.
- , Lestina E., wife of Charles K. Garland, b. 6/26/1852, d. 3/9/1943.
- , Annie L., dau. of C. K. & L. E. Garland, d. 3/6/1872; age 2 mos.
- , Idalyn W., b. 1914.
- , Daniel E., b. 12/8/1857, d. 11/6/1942.
- , Florence E. Wormwood, wife of Daniel E. Garland, b. 2/25/1887.
- Garner, Allen, b. 11/19/1842, d. 3/25/1925.
- , Mary D., wife of Allen Garner, b. 2/28/1844, d. 2/27/1934.

- , Allen Ethelbert, son of M. D. & A. Garner, d. 3/12/1872;  
age 3 mos. 13 days.
- , Allen, d. 5/29/1869; age 9 days.
- , William A., b. 6/5/1876, d. 8/8/1954.
- , Mary Dorothea, dau. of Wm. A. & B. R. Garner, d. 4/4/  
1906; age 4 mos. 10 days.
- Gibbs, Ezra D., b. 8/1/1828, d. 5/27/1841.
- , Edward, d. 2/7/1874; age 70.
- , Mary H., wife of Edward Gibbs, d. 4/27/1883; age 68.
- , William, b. 11/22/1789, d. 2/1/1871.
- , Nancy B., wife of William Gibbs, b. 1/21/1808, d. 3/3/  
1841.
- , William H., b. 12/28/1833, d. 2/27/1873.
- , Elias R., d. 7/19/1864; age 26-9-15.
- , Ann Louise, b. 10/24/1839, d. 6/18/1917.
- Gilpatrick, Ernest F., b. 2/17/1896, d. 4/28/1956.
- , Nathaniel C., 1823-1897.
- , Abigail B., 1824-1900.
- , Sadie, dau. of N. C. & A. B. Gilpatrick, d. 2/12/1879; age  
20-2-25.
- , Louville Andrew, b. 8/24/1856, d. 5/17/1920.
- , Addie Ella White, wife of L. A. Gilpatrick, b. 5/21/1872,  
d. 9/18/1932.
- , Roy, b. 8/27/1894, d. 2/21/1895.
- , Alpheus J., 1852-1938.
- , Ella V., wife of A. J. Gilpatrick, 1851-1915.
- , Byron, son of A. J. & E. V., d. 11/6/1881; age 1-9-3.
- , Alice, dau. of A. J. & E. V., d. 11/9/1881; age 5-4-1.
- , C. F., 1856-1906.
- , Everett S., b. 4/26/1854, d. ?
- , Olive, wife of E. S. Gilpatrick, b. 1/15/1850, d. 12/26/  
1906.
- , Norma H., d. 8/16/1881; age 10 mos.
- Goodhue, Ephraim S., d. 9/9/1903; age 84.
- , Priscilla F. Emery, wife of E. S. Goodhue, d. 2/22/1856;  
age 30-10 mos.



- Gould, Stephen, d. 9/28/1892; age 88-4-8.  
    , Olive J., wife of Stephen Gould, d. 2/25/1891; age 68.
- Grady, Chris, b. 8/4/1867, d. 7/22/1947.
- Granville, Harvey D., b. 1/7/1874, d. 8/18/1948.
- Gray, Frank, b. 6/19/1868, d. 2/24/1947.  
    , Mattie, wife of F. Gray, b. 1/31/1874, d. 4/14/1949.
- Greenan, Frank H., d. 2/13/1955; age 82.  
    , John, b. 1/30/1875, d. 10/1/1955.  
    , Maybelle, wife of John Greenan, b. 1/31/1877, d. 1/30/1947.
- Guptill, James, d. 4/15/1865; age 77.  
    , Alice, wife of James Guptill, d. 7/13/1847; age 47.  
    , Mary W., d. 12/30/1849; age 34.
- Hall, Clifford D., son of Benj. & Edith M. Hall, 1913-1923.
- Hanson, Austin D., b. 7/26/1842, d. 6/24/1917.  
    , Mary E. Davis, wife of A. D. Hanson, b. 5/4/1852, d. 1/26/1939.
- Harriman, Edwin, b. 7/24/1832, d. 9/19/1905.  
    , Ruth J., b. 9/29/1844, d. 5/9/1922.  
    , Frederick Sargent, b. 8/8/1888, d. 10/5/1918.  
    , Marion Frances Vannah, wife of F. S. Harriman, b. 5/18/1894, d. ?
- Hayes, Eunice, wife of Jonathan Hayes, d. 12/31/1859; age 56-3-22.
- Hickey, Arthur P., 1855-1919.  
    , Jeanette M., b. 4/4/1862, d. 5/26/1923.
- Hill, Arthur H., 1862-1941.
- Hockaday, Charles, d. 7/22/1885; age 40.  
    , Ruth E., d. 8/21/1917; age 73-1-22.  
    , Emily, d. 2/5/1874; age 3-6 mos.
- Hodgdon, George, b. 2/17/1812, d. 8/20/1898.  
    , Rhoda Lord, wife of George Hodgdon, b. 12/17/1816, d. 10/26/1893.
- Illsley, Mabel, b. 9/13/1876, d. 8/2/1953.
- Jock, Bernice L., 1904-1923.
- Johnson, Bessie, b. 2/16/1873, d. 7/15/1946.
- Jones, Herbert T., b. 4/10/1888, d. 6/24/1956.

Kawanaugh, Enola (Chapman), b. 4/2/1891, d. 4/3/1951.

Kezar, Charles, 1813-1855.

, Eliza, wife of Charles Kezar, 1820-1900.

, William D., 1860-1891.

, Viola, b. 3/27/1865, d. 6/15/1947.

Kittredge, Florence Davis, wife of Herbert Kittredge, b. 5/21/1888,  
d. 1/5/1919.

, Gordan Davis, d. 6/19/1914; age 1 m. 7 d.

, Infant, b. 1/5/1919, d. 1/5/1919.

Kneeland, Callie R., wife of Charles Kneeland, d. 6/27/1884; age  
30-1-11.

Knight, Marjorie, dau. of Charles & Veima Knight, b. 5/27/1935,  
d. 3/23/1936.

Lavers, Emily M. V., d. 2/2/1915; age 50.

Lewis, Daniel Emerson, b. 6/9/1811, d. 2/24/1877.

, Margaret T. Elkins, b. 6/25/1805, d. 2/25/1877.

Libby, Walter J., b. 1/7/1855, d. 1/4/1952.

, Charles F., 1858-1919.

, Abbie A., wife of Charles F. Libby, 1859-1916.

, Martha M., wife of C. L. Libby, d. 12/20/1897; age 37-4-6.

, Gracie B., dau. of C. L. & M. M. Libby, 7/4/1892; age  
13-8-16.

, Forest S., son of C. L. & M. M. Libby, d. 12/30/1881; age  
7 m. 5 d.

, Capt. Randall L. 2nd., d. 5/8/1871; age 35-11-3.

, Emma, wife of Capt. Randall L., d. 3/16/1870; age 28-11-5.

, Arvilla Walker, wife of Walter J. Walker, 1854-1933.

, William, 1827-1897.

, Susan M., 1836-1920.

, Ralph T., d. 1/30/1922. Flag.

, Lillian H., wife of Ralph T. Libby, 1877-1933.

, Capt. Tobias, d. 10/31/1868; age 47-9-4.

, Judith F. Towle, wife of Capt. T. Libby, d. 4/12/1892; age  
70-4-29.

, Jacob A., b. 12/15/1852, d. 5/26/1899.

, John, 1797-1878.



- , Nancy, 1797-1878.
- , Susie E., 1859-1932.
- , Elmer E., 1869-1915.
- , Hanson, 1821-1891.
- , Susan, 1825-1854.
- , Mary A., 1832-1913.
- , Hanson S., 1852-1930.
- , Melvin D., b. 9/17/1869, d. ?
- Locke, Lloyd G., b. 11/21/1903, d. 4/5/1953.
- Lord, N. Byron, b. 4/28/1876, d. 11/25/1953.
  - , Grace, wife of N. B. Lord, d. 11/24/1954; age 74-10-21.
  - , Roy F., b. 8/25/1880, d. 3/30/1954.
  - , Ezra B., b. 4/21/1852, d. 4/25/1924.
  - , Jennie M., wife of Ezra B. Lord, b. 7/17/1854, d. 11/7/1924.
  - , Albert, 1823-1886.
  - , Lydia A., 1828-1892.
  - , Emily F., 1850-1869. (dau.)
  - , Sarah M., 1870-1894. (dau.)
  - , Everett A., 1860-1913. (son)
  - , Frank, b. 9/21/1839, d. 3/29/1907.
  - , Eliza J., wife of Frank Lord, b. 10/27/1837, d. 5/28/1920.
  - , Mary A., b. 9/23/1866, d. 12/1/1887.
  - , Bessie C., b. 4/23/1864, d. ?
  - , Mary E., wife of John Lord, b. 9/6/1850, d. 1/1/1902.
  - , Florence, wife of James Lord, d. May 1918.
  - , Infant, son of Magnus & Evelyn Lord, d. 4/16/1931.
- Manning, Edwin L., 1879-1928.
  - , Nancy E. Walker, 1860-1932.
- Marston, Dr. Clarence, 1872-1942.
  - , Lula M., wife of Dr. C. Marston, b. 9/28/1878, d. 5/4/1947.
- Martin, Andrew, d. 5/4/1883; age 53.
  - , Nancy C., wife of A. Martin, d. 5/31/1891; age 66.
  - , Charles W., b. 6/6/1859, d. 6/19/1898.
  - , Stephen, d. 3/11/1884; age 67-10-15.

- , Sarah Davis, d. 2/7/1881; age 63-3 mos. (wife of S. Martin).
- , Etta, dau. of S. & S. D. Martin, d. 9/11/1852; age 3-2-23.
- , Henrietta, dau. of S. & S. D. Martin, d. 6/1/1846; age 1-9 mos.
- Mason, Irving, b. 2/8/1864, d. 11/22/1949.
  - , Hannah Fox, wife of Irving Mason, 1864-1898.
  - , Everett, b. 1863, d. 7/8/1946.
  - , Aaron H., d. 11/18/1903; age 79-4-19.
  - , Mercy J. Libby, wife of Aaron Mason, d. 9/5/1866; age 21-7-27.
  - , Jacob L., 1879-1935.
  - , Alta M., wife of Jacob L. Mason, b. 1889, d. ?
  - , Isaac, d. 1/15/1867; age 73-4-11.
  - , Lydia, wife of Isaac Mason, d. 12/18/1862; age 65-9-1.
  - , Andrew J., d. 10/16/1854; age 23-2-5.
  - , John C., b. 6/26/1824, d. 1/23/1907.
  - , Ellen M., b. 3/30/1827, d. 2/17/1926.
  - , Bertha A., b. 11/12/1871, d. 4/15/1934.
  - , Ralph W., 1893-1918.
  - , Walter E., 1862-1924.
  - , Carrie Ridlon, 1867-19—.
  - , George, 1836—.
  - , Mary S., wife of George Mason, 1840-1896.
  - , Frank Willis, son of G. & M. S. Mason, d. 1/13/1863; age 3-3-28.
  - , Oris L., 1854-1915.
  - , Mary G., wife of Oris L. Mason, 1862-1939.
  - , Nettie M., wife of Frank L. Mason, d. 10/20/1879; age 22-7-8.
- McDonald, Frederick, 1840-1901.
  - , Amanda Walker, wife of F. McDonald, 1843-1868.
  - , Abner, d. 9/29/1898; age 90-4 mos.
  - , Naomi, wife of Abner McDonald, d. 2/22/1875; age 65-8-4.
  - , Abbie, 1834-1924.
  - , Ann M., d. 1/13/1861; age 55.
  - , Infant, dau. of Alice & S. P. McDonald, d. 9/20/1898; age 5 weeks, 3 days.



McHugh, Michael, b. 1854, d. 12/26/1889.

, Jane W. Hodgdon, wife of M. McHugh, b. 12/15/1852, d. 9/10/1934.

Merchant, Maud Ridlon, wife of Elmer Merchant, b. 3/31/1888, d. 10/27/1918.

Merrifield, Alice G., b. 4/3/1866, d. 1/23/1947.

, William O., 1856-1931.

, Fanny B., wife of Wm. O. Merrifield, 1860-1896.

, Jeremiah M., b. 4/10/1829, d. 12/14/1915.

, Mary, wife of J. M. Merrifield, b. 2/24/1831, d. 11/7/1899.

, John F., son of Mary & J. M. Merrifield, d. 6/9/1866; age 3-3-4.

, Evelyn M. Rounds, wife of Fred C. Merrifield, 1897-1935.

, Ralph E., 1881-1943.

, Mattie A., wife of Ralph E. Merrifield, 1881-1943.

Merrill, William, d. 9/28/1923.

, Mercy E. Drew, wife of Wm. Merrill, b. 1890, d. ?

, Fred P., b. 7/11/1864, d. 5/29/1948.

, Alvira, b. 9/20/1862, d. 8/19/1921.

Metcalf, Ruth R., 1886-1936.

Mitchell, Fred B., b. 12/19/1875. d. 12/18/1939.

, Anna E., wife of F. B. Mitchell, b. 8/31/1880, d. 9/5/1932.

Monaghan, John C., b. 2/24/1863, d. 11/30/1932 .

Moore, James E., b. 5/1/1883, d. 7/1/1941.

, James Wilson, b. 11/5/1912, d. 1/4/1919.

Moulton, David, 1760-1838. Flag.

, Dorothy, 1770-1853.

, Sarah, 1766-1849.

, John, 1794-1876.

, Jane, 1800-1882.

, Sarah Jane, 1826-1830.

, Thomas, 1810-1888.

, Sarah, 1799-1882.

, Mary M. (Swett), 1836-1852.

, Moses S. Moulton, 1833-1895.

- , Armina, 1835-1897.
- , Roscoe, 1857-1883.
- Neutzman, Ethel, b. 5/3/1887, d. 10/25/ 1947.
- Newbegin, Sarah, dau. of Flanders & Eunice Newbegin, d. 4/23/ 1846; age 13-8 mos.
- , Harden, 1834-1910.
- , Nancie B., 1839-1909.
- Newell, Abbie A., wife of B. D. Newell, b. 11/20/1846, d. 2/23/ 1877.
- , Caroline W., dau. of Abbie A. & B. D. Newell, d. 7/3/ 1857; age 19-11-6.
- , Bertha M., b. 6/2/1872, d. 6/10/1872.
- , Amy E., b. 7/16/1873, d. 8/25/1873.
- , Essie L., b. 1/21/1877, d. 3/3/1886.
- Newton, Samuel, d. 6/21/1920; age 82.
- , Myma, wife of S. Newton, d. 6/9/1888; age 52-2-9.
- Norton, Cpl. Harold V., b. 3/2/1932, d. 8/26/1952. Flag.
- , William T., b. 4/19/1873, d. 10/8/1932.
- Nutter, Charles, d. 5/1/1845; age 62.
- , Olive, wife of Charles Nutter, d. 8/24/1846; age 69.
- Osgood, Dell, b. 1/13/1871, d. 8/14/1908.
- , John F., b. 3/1/1868, d. ?
- Page, Thomas Newton, 1843-1914.
- , Mary Chapman, wife of T. N. Page, 1849-1929.
- , Charles E., son of M. C. & T. N. Page, 1873-1877.
- , Alma M., dau. of M. C. & T. N. Page, 1884-1914.
- , Laurence E., son of M. C. & T. N. Page, 1895-1897.
- Palmer, Lizzie Staples, wife of Frank C. Palmer, 1871-1933.
- , Owen H., 1870-1942.
- Parker, Sybil A., b. 1/7/1843, d. 7/8/1919.
- Parrott, Peter S., 1842-1924.
- , Lydia A. Stacy, wife of P. S. Parrott, 1839-1920.
- Pearl, James, 1822-1910.
- , Asenath, wife of J. Pearl, 1821-1909.
- , Melvin, 1855-1910.
- , Nellie E., wife of M. Pearl, 1863-1932.



- , Walter, 1851-1869.
- Peare, Jennie M., 1864-1923.
- Peary, Cora M., b. 3/17/1869, d. 6/3/1946.
- , Oscar, b. 8/6/1857, d. 6/28/1925.
- Perry, John A., 1856-1929.
- , Angie (Ridlon), d. 8/11/1948; age 66-2-29.
- Perkins, Miss Florence, b. 9/30/1862, d. 1/17/1950.
- , Miss Georgia, b. 1/16/1866, d. 3/6/1956.
- Philbrick, Irving J., 1860-1935.
- , Susie E. Smith, wife of I. J. Philbrick, 1868-1938.
- Pillsbury, David, d. 2/14/1855; age 66-6 mos.
- , Mary, wife of D. Pillsbury, d. 8/2/1874; age 87-4 mos.
- , Oliver, d. 6/30/1840; age 30-1 m.
- , Elizabeth B., wife of O. Pillsbury, d. 2/23/1846; age 35.
- , Mary J., dau. of D. & M. Pillsbury, d. 8/7/1844; age 25-7 mos.
- , Abbie J., 1843-1926.
- , David, Jr., b. 8/15/1814, d. 7/13/1880.
- , Sally, wife of David Pillsbury, Jr., d. 4/14/1915; age 100-9-14.
- , Jonathan, son of Sally & D. Pillsbury, Jr., d. 9/12/1848; age 10-2-16.
- , John D., b. 2/20/1851, d. 5/11/1927.
- , Etta H., wife of J. D. Pillsbury, b. 9/26/1854, d. 8/6/1940.
- , Harry D., d. 7/13/1879; age 3 mos. 7 days. (son of E. H. & J. D. Pillsbury).
- , Jacob B., 1853-1934.
- , Emily, wife of J. C. Pillsbury, 1848-1915.
- Pingree, Isaiah, d. 1/29/1881; age 71-8 mos.
- , Emma C., wife of Isaiah Pingree, d. 1/31/1876; age 63-9-22.
- , George W., son of C. B. & L. A. Pingree, d. 9/20/1873; age 3 mos. 20 days.
- , Ida F., dau. of C. B. & L. A. Pingree, d. 3/25/1871; age 9 mos. 30 days.
- Pratt, Helen Ruth, b. 10/21/1912, d. 4/25/1950.

- , Mabel Taylor, b. 9/7/1880, d. 4/27/1952.
- Randall, Thomas C., b. 1/5/1817, d. 2/9/1912.
- , Alice R., wife of T. C. Randall, b. 3/28/1821, d. 6/18/1905.
- , Lydia, dau. of T. C. & A. R. Randall, b. 5/13/1853; d. 7/29/1854.
- , Charles H., d. 8/3/1847; age 5-9 mos.
- , Lydia E., d. 11/22/1852; age 1-7-10.
- , Gideon M., b. 7/3/1801, d. 3/7/1893.
- , Eliza D. Fox, wife of G. M. Randall, d. 3/15/1881; age 74-4-24.
- , Mary G., dau. of G. M. & E. D. F. Randall, d. 5/9/1846; age 1 yr. 10 days.
- , William H., son of G. M. & E. D. F. Randall, d. 3/11/1868.
- Richardson, E. A., 1850-1935.
- , Ida C. Cousins, wife of E. A. Richardson, 1855-1928.
- Ridlon, Magnus, 1815-1886.
- , Emily Emery, wife of Magnus Ridlon, 1820-1887.
- , John F., son of Emily Emery & Magnus Ridlon, 1846-1908.
- , Marcia E. Hardy, dau. of Emily Emery & Magnus Ridlon, 1857-1942.
- , Emily F., dau. of Emily Emery & Magnus Ridlon, 1853-1918.
- , Dr. Magnus G., b. 12/13/1880, d. 7/19/1950.
- , Elmer E., b. 2/16/1863, d. 11/10/1950.
- , Ruth L. Mason, wife of Elmer E. Ridlon, b. 1867, d. 5/9/1949; age 81.
- , John C. F., 1856-1941.
- , Athea M. Chapman, wife of John C. F. Ridlon, 1860—.
- , Norman, d. 9/27/1884; age 9 mos. 25 days.
- , Charles P., d. 10/2/1884; age 30-5-21.
- , Bertha May, dau. of C. P. Ridlon, d. 10/9/1877; age 10 mos.
- , Addie L., wife of George F. Ridlon, d. 7/4/1876; age 25-3-24.
- , Walter H., 1848-1926.
- , Carrie E., wife of W. H. Ridlon, 1849-1921.



- , Blanche E., dau. of W. H. & C. E. Ridlon, 1890-1892.
- , Addie M., dau. of W. H. & C. E. Ridlon, 1876-1876.
- , Herbert H., b. 1/15/1861, d. 3/15/1947.
- , Susie E., wife of H. H. Ridlon, b. 12/9/1863, d. 6/20/1940.
- , Percy A., son of H. H. & Susie (Susan) E. Ridlon, b. 3/20/1888, d. 2/7/1892.
- , John R., b. 3/8/1838, d. 8/25/1860.
- , Benjamin S., b. 2/12/1848, d. 1/24/1850.
- , Joseph S., 1845-1925. Flag.
- , Anna M., wife of J. S. Ridlon (no dates).
- , Herbert L., b. 10/8/1859, d. 12/21/1953.
- , Herbert L., son of Samuel & Eldora Ridlon, d. 4/13/1913; age 1 yr. 13 days.
- , Benjamin F., b. 9/27/1870, d. 10/27/1935.
- , Josephine Mason, wife of Benj. F. Ridlon, b. 2/25/1878, d. 4/4/1943.
- , William, b. 4/4/1806, d. 9/30/1876.
- , Eunice Stanley, wife of Wm. Ridlon, b. 4/4/1810, d. 5/7/1854.
- , Dr. C. E., b. 9/22/1868, d. 10/22/1899.
- , Cora Edith, b. 10/28/1873, d. 10/28/1875.
- , Samuel, d. 2/4/1890; age 52-6-1.
- , Sarah L., wife of S. Ridlon, d. 1/7/1895; age 55-3-28.
- , Lillian, d. 9/18/1865; age 2-7-24.
- , Thomas, d. 6/27/1858; age 88-13 days.
- , Ruth S., wife of Thomas Ridlon, d. 4/22/1859; age 33-10-15.
- , Hannah, dau. of R. S. & T. Ridlon, d. 1/31/1856; age 14-9 months.
- , Ruth E., dau. of Ruth S. & Thomas Ridlon, d. 2/8/1858; age 13 months.
- , William, b. 12/28/1844, d. 2/1/1926.
- , Mary M., wife of Wm. Ridlon, b. 8/28/1847, d. 8/6/1905.
- , Frank M., b. 11/1/1870, d. 11/4/1947.
- , Nellie M. Taylor, wife of Frank M. Ridlon, b. 5/15/1870, d. 6/8/1929.

- , Sidney H., 1884-1939.
- , Edwin R., 1861-1931.
- , Minnie F. Hodge, wife of E. R. Ridlon, 1865-194?
- , George W., b. 10/14/1833, d. 1/11/1903.
- , Mary A., wife of G. W. Ridlon, b. 3/17/1842, d. 2/3/1904.
- , Daniel D., b. 6/5/1818, d. 8/16/1899.
- , Mary A., wife of D. D. Ridlon, b. 1/17/1828, d. 5/19/1893.
- , Edith D., 1900-1943.
- Robbins, Costiller, b. 3/4/1860, d. 5/9/1926.
- , Frank, b. 6/5/1861, d. 1/22/1937.
- , Olive R. Bradeen, wife of Frank Robbins, b. 3/26/1864, d. 5/11/1923.
- Rounds, Ida (Fox), b. 12/23/1865, d. 1/30/1952.
- , Stillman, 1866-1940.
- Sanborn, Newton P., 1847-1927.
- Sargent, Lucy R. Rice, wife of Wm. T. Sargent, d. 9/5/1881; age 76-7-16.
- , Nathaniel R., son of Lucy R. R. & Wm. T. Sargent, d. 8/14/1863; age 29-3-4.
- Sawyer, Ellsworth W., husband of Mabel S. Stanley, b. 8/5/1877, d. 5/14/1932.
- , Horace C., b. 2/22/1865, d. 8/30/1943.
- , Nellie Stanley, wife of Horace C. Sawyer, b. 3/25/1866, d. 1/16/1942.
- , Charles F., b. 12/20/1868, d. 1/9/1947.
- , Clarence, b. 8/30/1898, d. 3/16/1956.
- , Elmer, b. 6/21/1868, d. 2/4/1948.
- , Vina (Pierce), b. 4/29/1879, d. 2/5/1951.
- Scribner, William W., 1841-1924.
- , Esther J., 1848-1926.
- , Hattie, dau. of Wm. W. & E. J. Scribner, d. 3/28/1885; age 17-8-16.
- , Cora, dau. of Wm. W. & E. J. Scribner, 7/25/1889; age 19-4-14.



- Seavey, Alwilda, wife of P. W. Seavey, d. 8/19/1894; age 23-7-17.
- Shackford, Elwyn M., d. 2/28/1891; age 37-7-24.
- , Isabel F., wife of E. M. Shackford, d. 5/7/1912; age 57.
- Shaw, Frank, b. 5/25/1891, d. 2/20/1952.
- Smith, Charles, b. 2/17/1872, d. 11/30/1952.
- , Annie May, dau. of Fred A. & Catherine Smith, 1888-1889.
- , Fred, 1861-1920.
- Snow, Evelyn M. (née Mason), b. 7/26/1855, d. 2/2/1927.
- Stacy, Moses S., 1847-1929.
- , Emily, wife of Moses S. Stacy, 1847-1920.
- , George G., 1826-1894.
- , Sirena J., wife of Geo. G. Stacy, 1817-1896.
- , Oliver, 1792-1880.
- , Abigail, wife of Oliver Stacy, 1789-1834.
- , Apphia, 2nd wife of Oliver Stacy, 1812-1887.
- , Mary Ann, dau. of Oliver & Abigail Stacy, 1816-1819.
- , Jonathan, son of Oliver & Abigail Stacy, 1823-1849. Flag.
- , Olive Chapman, wife of George E. Stacy, 1843-1920.
- , George E., b. 7/2/1842, d. 2/27/1908.
- , Lieut. Loranzo D., Co. B. 29 Me. Inf. (no date).
- , Nancy L., dau. of Lieut. L. D. & Nancy L. Stacy, d. 9/20/1856; age 5 m. 18 days.
- , Cora Evelyn, dau. of Lieut. L. D. & N. L. Stacy, d. 7/16/1859; age 2-2 m.
- , Ann M., 1833-1916.
- , Frank P., 1853-1917.
- , Hannah J., wife of F. P. Stacy, 1847-1894.
- , John, b. 2/20/1763, d. 5/18/1837.
- , Ruth H., b. 8/23/1771, d. 10/16/1865.
- , Ruth C., wife of Greenleaf Stacy, d. 8/11/1854; age 18-3-22.
- , Lydia F., wife of Jordan Stacy, 1832-1920.
- , Jordan, 1830-1898.
- , Joseph, 1819-1872.
- , Lieut. Lucien, b. 9/5/1870, d. 9/4/1898.
- , Lucien, d. 4/14/1916; age 1-6-26.
- , Minnie A. Hiltz, wife of Wm. C. Stacy, 1878-1930.

- , Mattie, b. 5/21/1877, d. 3/13/1882.
- , Oliver M., 1871-1890.
- , Grace E., 1878-1903.
- , Florence M. Hughes, wife of Roland A. Stacy, 1886-1934.
- , Clinton, M. D., b. 11/30/1868, d. 1/15/1899.
- , Sally K., wife of Col. Jordan Stacy, d. 1/13/1873; age 78.
- , Samuel F., son of Frank P. & Hannah J. Stacy, 1847-1894.
- , George Herbert, b. 8/3/1866, d. 1/26/1949.
- , Maud, b. 10/16/1866, d. 10/15/1955.
- , Russell, b. 2/16/1911, d. 6/30/1946.
- , Sidney G., b. 7/20/1868, d. 1/9/1953.
- Stanley, Carl J., b. 1/11/1882, d. 8/12/1954.
  - , Grace S., 1886-1931.
  - , Elizabeth (Mrs. Ralph), b. 1/29/1877, d. 2/19/1955.
  - , Sidney B., b. 3/20/1875, d. 5/16/1955.
  - , Blanch P., 1878-1943.
  - , Everett, b. 6/16/1877, d. 9/12/1955.
  - , Elma A., wife of Everett Stanley, b. 4/10/1884, d. 11/4/1954.
  - , Pauline, dau. of Elma A. & Everett Stanley, b. 11/26/1910, d. 9/17/1915.
  - , Bessie Lord, b. 4/3/1864, d. 12/27/1950.
  - , Abbie, 1853-1914.
  - , Isaac M., 1846-1925.
  - , Donald Lionel, 1915.
  - , Donald Gordon, 1917.
  - , Elisha, 1820-1888.
  - , Lucy A., wife of Elisha Stanley, 1816-1870.
  - , Joseph, 1822-1897.
  - , Mary A., 1822-1910.
  - , Elisha, 1787-1862.
  - , Mary R., 1784-1819.
  - , George, 1853-1932.
  - , Florence M. Hughes, wife of Roland A. Stanley, 1886-1934.
  - , Grace E., 1878-1903.
  - , Percy C., 1875-1944.



- , Hattie M., 1877—.
- , Ivory, d. 3/9/1866; age 35-9-7.
- , Sarah A., wife of Ivory Stanley, d. 4/28/1867; age 33-8-19.
- , Seth, d. 11/9/1881; age 39-8-17.
- , Ivory C., son of Seth Stanley, d. 11/22/1881; age 15-7-9.
- , Samuel, 2nd., b. 7/11/1831, d. 7/18/1902. Flag.
- , Josephine, wife of Samuel Stanley, 2nd., d. 8/14/1871; age 36-3-17.
- , Louis F., 1919-1940..
- , Minnie A., 1861-1936.
- , Preston J., b. 1/24/1853, d. 11/27/1902.
- , Naomi, wife of P. J. Stanley, b. 11/10/1855, d. 10/25/1927.
- , Orman L., b. 12/14/1876, d. 1/8/1941.
- , Oliver, son of O. L. Stanley, 1916-1917.
- , Orman L. Jr., son of Orman L. Stanley, b. 4/20/1918, d. 12/1/1924.
- , Sherman P., b. 12/31/1879, d. 1/26/1939.
- , Clifton V., b. 10/14/1904, d. 6/28/1927.
- , Samuel B., 1844-1855.
- , Oliver M., 1871-1890.
- Staples, Clara A., b. 9/24/1869, d. 2/17/1880.
- , Oliver W., b. 3/31/1832, d. 6/22/1891.
- , Lydia A., wife of O. W. Staples, b. 5/18/1835, d. 7/22/1911.
- , William F., b. 7/2/1876, d. 2/2/1881.
- Stewart, John, 1830-1911.
- , Annie Johnston, wife of John Stewart, d. 1/8/1890; age 50.
- , George, 1856-1938.
- , Agnes McGregor, wife of George Stewart, 1862-1927.
- , Annie M., 1890-1914.
- , John M., 1885-1910.
- , James, 1887-1931. Flag.
- , Louise J. Chase, wife of James Stewart, 1902-1926.
- Stocks, George F., b. 11/5/1865, d. 2/5/1938.
- , Lillian J. Stacy, wife of George F. Stocks, b. 9/5/1879, d. ?
- , John W., 1902-1943.

- , Lucille A., wife of John W. Stocks, b. 7/13/1896, d. 5/6/1951.
- , Flora French, b. 4/6/1891, d. 4/2/1954.
- Swett, Mary Moulton, 1836-1952.
- , Sarah Moore, b. 4/27/1861, d. 10/5/1930.
- Taylor, Nellie Warren, wife of Rev. Austin W. Taylor, 1862—.
- , Orin, d. 8/2/1890; age 66-9-15.
- , Mary A., wife of Orin Taylor, d. 10/5/1899; age 58-8-16.
- , Fred L., b. 11/29/1864, d. 6/13/1928.
- , Josie E. Alley, wife of Fred L. Taylor, b. 12/4/1885, d. 9/9/1926.
- , John M., 1813-1853.
- , Lovey T. (no date).
- Thurston, Thaddeus H., b. 1/19/1835, d. 2/1/1899.
- , Rowena Seavey, wife of T. H. Thurston, b. 1/6/1842, d. 5/1/1916.
- Tibbetts, Henry, Jr., d. 10/28/1843; age 43-4-21.
- , Anna, wife of H. Tibbetts, Jr., d. 3/30/1872; age 74-27 days.
- , Mary, d. 8/28/1842; age 17-7 months.
- , Edward E., 1903-1928.
- Towle, Everett, b. 1867, d. 11/5/1951.
- , Ezra J., d. 4/19/1922; age 88-13 days.
- , Sarah M., wife of Ezra J. Towle, d. 2/26/1889; age 52.
- Treadwell, Mary A., 1852-19—.
- , William A., 1852-1921.
- Varney, Martha J., 1830-1905.
- , Lillian, b. 8/18/1879, d. 5/13/1932.
- Wadleigh, Ernest W., 1856-1911.
- , Lizzie H., wife of E. W. Wadleigh, 1860-1897.
- , Abbia S., wife of George Wadleigh, 1822-1889.
- , Ella S., wife of George Wadleigh, d. 1/26/1901; age 43-4-26.
- , Freddie L., son of Abbia S. & George Wadleigh, d. 6/15/1862; age 2-9-4.
- Wade, Ernest H., d. 7/1/1951; age 73.
- , Rosie, wife of E. H. Wade, b. 4/6/1822, d. 2/21/1947.
- Wadsworth, Evelyn M. Libby, wife of Charles F. Wadsworth, d.



10/21/1872; age 25-6-17.

Wakefield, Emily A., wife of Benj. Wakefield, d. 2/22/1900; age 76-8-10.

, Charles A., 1856-1933.

, Mehetabel W. Perkins, wife of Charles A. Wakefield, 1860—.

Wales, C. Ella, 1854-1887.

, George B., 1856-1889.

, Leon, b. 8/23/1897, d. 4/20/1948.

Walker, Elijah, 1859-1908.

, Olive J. Stanley, wife of E. Walker, 1857-1943.

Ward, Annie, b. 5/21/1886, d. 2/1/1952.

, T. Edgar, b. 7/6/1860, d. 4/28/1904.

Warren, Edmond Franklin, b. 11/15/1824, d. 10/29/1902.

, Octavia Adams Lord, b. 8/24/1833, d. 3/8/1905.

, Inf. dau., d. 1/10/1858; age 1 day.

, Frank J., b. 1/25/1873, d. ?

, Fannie M. Curtis, b. 1/31/1877, d. 7/31/1941.

, Preston B., 1860-1932.

, Nellie Chapman, wife of P. B. Warren, 1874—.

Watson, Charles T., b. 7/9/1842, d. 1/18/1923.

, Josephine, wife of C. T. Watson, b. 1/10/1840, d. 4/15/1908.

, Winfred, 1879-1936.

, Elsie Ridlon, wife of W. Watson, 1886—.

Weeks, Ethel, b. 6/1/1880, d. 6/16/1948.

, Dora M., b. 5/1/1919, d. 10/26/1947.

, George F., b. 10/31/1870, d. 11/21/1947.

, Lizzie C., wife of George F. Weeks, d. 1/24/1899; age 28-7-22.

, John, d. 4/29/1904; age 84-1-1.

, Almira B., wife of John Weeks, d. 1/22/1905; age 76-6-18.

, Shorey S., 1845-1892.

, Anne E., wife of Shorey S. Weeks, 1845-1890.

, Edwin C., 1872-1943.

, Lillian M., wife of E. C. Weeks, 1874-1943.

, Lillian M., wife of Fred H. Weeks, 1875-1933.

- , Fred H., 1871-19—.
- , Ashley, 1853-1930.
- , Vesta A. Huckins, wife of Ashley Weeks, 1857-1934.
- , Ursula, dau. of Moses R. & Ursula Weeks, d. 8/25/ 1859;  
age 8 m. 11 d.
- , Nettie, 1883-1914.
- , Sarah A., 1842-1915.
- , Sarah, wife of Wm. S. Weeks, d. 5/16/1867; age 40-2 mos.
- Weeks, Laura B., 1870-19—.
- , Josiah, d. 5/9/1862; age 74-6 months.
- , Harriet B., dau. of Josiah & Ardelia Weeks, d. 5/9/1861;  
age 20-6 months.
- , Irving, 1860-1939.
- , Donald Shorey, 1933-1934.
- , Clark, d. 9/10/1856; age 37.
- , John H., 1850-1937.
- Wentworth, Annie A., 1867-1938.
  - , Emery, b. 2/17/1886, d. 5/20/1910.
- Wescott, Charlotte Champion, b. 10/30/1865, d. 8/10/1930.
- Weymouth, Harry C., b. 2/24/1874; d. 11/3/1946.
- Whipple, Nellie C. Thurston, wife of Clyde Whipple, b. 10/26/  
1884, d. 8/26/1941.
- White, Lovina E., wife of John White, d. 6/29/1871; age 22-5-17.
- Whitton, Ella F., 1859-1884.
  - , Mary Esther, 1869-1880.
- Wiley, Ernest M., 1878-1939.
  - , Grace L. Johnson, 1877-1938.
- Wood, Elmina, dau. of Ira D. & Almina M. Wood, d. (no date).
- Woodman, Susie Wiggin, b. 4/5/1898, d. 6/27/1951.
- Wormwood, Abby E. Wales, 2nd wife of Darius Wormwood, d.  
2/10/1885; age 49-8-7.
  - , Darius, d. 1/21/1892; age 68-3-28. Flag.
  - , Robert Fulton, 1858-1942.
  - , Annie M., wife of R. F. Wormwood, 1859-1893.
- Young, Charles W., 1860-1928.
  - , Martha J. Varney, wife of C. W. Young, 1848-1917.



, Lizzie B., dau. of Martha J. V. Young, 1866-1924.

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Brown, Moses, 1808-1875.

, Lydia, wife of Moses Brown, 1812-1872.

Clemons, Frank H., 1873-1933.

, Elsie, 1903.

Cotton, Wyman, b. 5/17/1851, d. 6/7/1921.

, Elizabeth Ridlon, wife of Wyman Cotton, b. 2/26/1852,  
d. 3/31/1892.

, Dana, b. 1/13/1854, d. 11/15/1896.

, Eunice M., wife of Dana Cotton, d. 4/6/1887; age 36-11-10.

Cousins, Joseph, d. 6/8/1893; age 78.

, Hannah, wife of Joseph Cousins, d. 5/29/1893; age 75.

Davis, Hattie R., wife of Osborn Davis, d. 1/29/1890; age 46.

Day, James, b. 6/9/1822, d. 1/30/1906.

, Loemma, wife of James Day, b. 11/29/1841, d. 10/27/1909.

Durgin, Samuel, d. 3/17/1893; age 71-1-18. Flag.

, Almeda, 1859-1924.

, Mima, 1878-1939.

, Rose E., wife of W. N. Durgin, 1881-1901.

, Infant son of W. N. & Rose E. Durgin, d. 1901.

, Evelyn M., dau. of W. N. & R. Q. Durgin, 1900-1914.

Firth, Elsie M., dau. of Oliver & Bertha Firth, 1894-1895.

Huntress, Darling, b. 2/8/1845, d. 5/18/1932.

, Zylpha A. Hartford, wife of Darling Huntress, b. 1/3/  
1851, d. 8/9/1936.

, Edmund J., son of Darling & Zylpha A. H. Huntress, d.  
11/5/1874; age 2-6-2.

Lewis, Frank, b. 11/30/1836, d. 2/3/1923.

, Sarah A. Merrifield, wife of Frank Lewis, b. 11/19/1841,  
d. 2/28/1895.

, Luther E., son of Frank & Sarah A. M. Lewis, d. 2/21/  
1874; age 2-29 days.

, Lida W., b. 3/19/1876, d. 5/9/1877.

, Nancy, wife of Alexander Lewis, d. 11/18/1873; age 75-6-8.

- , Charles F., 1862-1930.
- , Fannie A., 1862-1940.
- , Cecil H., son of Charles F. & Fannie A. Lewis, b. 1/17/1905, d. 6/3/1905.
- , Fred, 1877-1927.
- , Bernard E., son of Ernest & Evie Lewis, b. 1/2/1923, d. 2/13/1950.

Lord, Levi (rest of inscription below surface of ground).

- , Polly, wife of Levi Lord (rest not visible).

McDonald, Noah, d. 7/2/1849; age 49-3 mos.

- , Abigail, wife of Noah McDonald, d. 4/21/1861; age 59-9-4.
- , Andrew J., d. 10/4/1882; age 53-5-5.
- , Eunice, wife of Andrew J. McDonald, d. 11/24/1891; age 59-5-1.
- , Emma E., dau. of Andrew J. & Eunice McDonald, 5/5/1888; age 18-4 mos.
- , Andrew J., son of A. J. & Eunice McDonald, d. 8/31/1881; age 17-3-8.
- , Noah, son of A. J. & Eunice McDonald, d. 9/19/1855; age 1-11 mos.
- , Charles H., 1861-1938.
- , Charlie, 1884-19—.
- , Phoebe, 1891-1953.
- , Marcia, 1887-1917.
- , John C., 1865-1940.
- , Lovina A. Day, wife of John C. McDonald, 1877-1937.

McDonald, Winfield S., d. 3/1845; age 29.

- , Martha E., wife of Winfield S. McDonald, d. 11/28/1878; age 27-3-13.

Merchant, Elmer C., b. 7/2/1884, d. 6/19/1947.

Merrifield, Rensselear (no date).

- , Zelopa, wife of R. Merrifield, d. 4/22/1889; age 76-9-11.

Merryfield, C. Henry, 1845-1903.

- , Martha A., 1855-1924.

Metcalf, James A., 1861-1939.

- , Ida A., wife of James A. Metcalf, 1862-1925.



, George P., d. 1/3/1892; age 3-2 mos.

, Eva F., d. 7/30/1891; age 1-4 mos.

, Rose, d. 1/22/1892; age 2 days.

Note — George, P., Eva F. and Rose were the children of  
James A. & Ida A. Metcalf.

, Kathleen, wife of LeRoy Metcalf, 1906-1939.

Norton, Gardner, 1870-1942.

, Jane Durgin, 1871-1891.

, Eunice, dau. of Oren & Susan B. Norton, d. 3/5/1853; age  
4-10 mos.

, Oren, son of Oren & Susan B. Norton, d. 8/19/1858; age 3.

Perry, Louis, 1842-1897.

, Eliza J., 1844-1917.

, Albert, son of Eliza J. & Louis Perry, d. 5/27/1889; age  
5-22.

Porteous, Clarence, 1870-1946.

, Alta M., 1881-1952.

Redlon, Charles D., b. 1/20/1854, d. 11/10/1909.

, Levi, 1818-1881.

, Mary Cotton, wife of Charles D. Redlon, b. 9/30/1856, d.  
9/25/1930.

, Hannah, wife of Levi Redlon, 1813-1881.

Ridlon, Daniel, d. 8/29/1881; age 80-7-1.

, Esther, wife of Daniel Ridlon, d. 2/23/1878; age 67-1-12.

, Comfort, dau. of Daniel & Esther Ridlon, d. 12/29/1871;  
age 35-13.

, Benjamin H., d. 5/1865; age 23-5 mos. Flag.

, George, son of Daniel & Esther Ridlon, d. 8/22/1859; age  
14-6 mos.

, John, son of Daniel & Esther Ridlon, d. 5/24/1857; age  
14-3-10.

, Hon. F. W., 1845-1887.

, Wirt V., son of Hon. F. W. Ridlon, 1873-1889.

, Henry L., d. 3/21/1864; age 25.

, David L., d. 5/24/1857; age 14-6 mos. The sons of Levi  
and Hannah Redlon.

, Francis, d. 12/19/1842; age 2-2 mos.

Rogers (no date).

Sargent, Kermit A., 1925-1946.

Sirico, Sarah F. Lewis, wife of Fred Sirico, b. 12/10/1910, d. 8/26/1939.

Walker, Beatrice, dau. of Charles & Hattie Walker, d. 5/15/1903; age 2 months.

### Libby Burying-Ground

Libby, Meshach, b. c. 1750, d. March, 1829. (First settler in Porter).

Note — None of the quarried stone markers bear inscriptions, but authentic records inform us that Meshach Libby and ten members of his family rest in this burial-ground.

### Moulton Cemetery

Moulton, David, d. 10/18/1838; age 77 years. (Reburied in Riverside Cemetery).

, Dorothy, wife of David Moulton, d. 1/19/1853; age 83 years. (Reburied in Riverside Cemetery).

Libby, Nancy, wife of John Libby, d. 10/31/1847; age 51 years.

(Note — These three slate markers are the only stones that have inscriptions, but many graves marked by field stones are found within this enclosure bounded by stone walls. Stephen Libby's first and second wives; Mary Knowles and Nancy Mathews, respectively, were buried here.)

### Towle Burying-Ground

(On the Old Meeting-House Road)

Towle, Daniel, d. 3/26/1875; age 95-2.

, Betsey, wife of Daniel Towle, d. 2/20/1861; age 81-5.

, Lyman, d. 9/30/1848; age 3-6-21. Son of Daniel Towle, Jr. & Maria Jane Towle.

, Edmund, d. 9/11/1838; age 29 days. Son of D. Towle, Jr. & Maria Jane Towle.

, Freeman, son of D. Towle, Jr. & Maria Jane Towle, d.



7/5/1849; age 1-4-20.

### Wormwood Burying-Ground

Wormwood, Ithamar, d. 7/16/1865; age 74-1-17.

, Hannah, wife of Ithamar Wormwood, d. 2/18/1841; age 51-1 month.

, Rosanna, 2d wife of Ithamar Wormwood, d. 2/28/1856; age 64-4 months.

, Mehitaballe, dau. of Ithamar & Hannah Wormwood, d. 11/27/1851; age 25-1-11.

, Lydia J., wife of Darius Wormwood, d. 12/27/1851; age 25-7-16.

Fly, Jason, son of James and Syrena Fly, d. 9/21/1856; age 2-7 mos.

Charles B., d. 10/27/1860; age 32-4-7.

### Tripp Burying Ground

Tripp, Thomas, 1808-1890.

, Susan, 1811-1896.

, Hiram, 1838-1890.

, Nancy, 1845-1863.

, Waldo J., d. 9/18/1872; age 1-3 mos.

### Brownfield Road Burying-Ground

Sawyer, Lemuel, d. 9/25/1882; age 85-8-6.

, Mary, wife of Lemuel Sawyer, d. 5/26/1873; age 73-2-6.

, Sylvester B., 1827-1908. Flag.

Berry, Alexander, Jr., d. 5/25/1902; age 69-7-10.

, Sarah A., wife of Alex. Berry, Jr., d. 3/23/1896; age 56-11-20.

, Keziah A., d. 9/18/1895; age 86-3 mos.

, Ruth E., dau. of Alex. & Kezia Berry, d. 11/8/1876; age 22-3-15.

Porter, Abigail S., wife of Stephen Porter, d. 3/29/1874; age 80-3-23.

J. A. M. (no dates).

Civil War Soldier (no name; only marker "1861-1865." Flag.

**French-Gilman Cemetery**

French, Jacob, d. 2/16/1878; age 79-11-16.

, Sally W., wife of Jacob French, d. 4/23/1891; age 86-7 mos.

, Melissa W., dau. of Jacob & Sally French, d. 12/6/1855;  
age 23-8 mos.

, Mary, dau. of John & Sally French, d. 2/21/1838; age  
34-6 mos.

, John, d. 8/22/1836; age 61-10 mos.

, Sally, wife of John French, d. 3/12/1856; age 81-6 mos.

Young, Sally, wife of Jonathan Young, d. 10/18/1825; age 83.

Gilman, W. Frank, 1854-1940.

, Veldima Bickford, wife of W. F. Gilman, 1852-1944.

, Lucy E., dau. of W. F. & Vellie M. Gilman, d. 9/2/1886;  
6 mos & 6 days.

, Cora M., dau. of W. F. & Vellie M. Gilman, d. 12/26/  
1888; age 2 mos. & 2 days.

, George W., son of W. F. & Vellie M. Gilman, d. 4/26/  
1888; age 10 mos., 15 days.

Bickford, Jesse, b. 7/2/1821, d. 10/2/1910.

, Lucy, wife of Jesse Bickford, b. 8/13/1811, d. 1/7/1878.

Berry, George V., d. 1/4/1866; age 30-7-25.

, Moses B., son of G. V. & Kezia Berry, d. 7/5/1834; age  
26 days.

Libby, Stephen, b. 4/26/1763, d. 10/25/1855. (His third wife,  
Sally Mathews, probably lies beneath the unmarked  
stone next to Stephen's).

**Sargent Burial-Ground**

Sargent, John, d. 6/3/1868; age 80-2-13.

, Sarah, wife of John Sargent, d. 5/21/1861.

, Betsey, d. 6/25/1880; age 69-10-5.

, William, d. 6/2/1863; age 36-5 days.

Pearl, Annie W., wife of Isaac Pearl, d. 6/26/1888; age 74-9 days.

Libby, Esther J., wife of Roscoe Libby, d. 1/20/1875; age 23-6-9.

Rounds, Sarah, wife of Stephen Rounds, d. 2/12/1871; age 51-6-20.

Civil War Soldier (no record). Flag.



### French Cemetery

- French, Isaac, d. 4/3/1879; age 76-11 mos.  
 , Emily, wife of Isaac French, d. 6/2/1873; age 72-7-25.  
 , Henry C., son of Woodman & Mary French, d. 11/29/1849;  
 age 10-2 days.  
 , Clinton W., son of W. & M. A. French, d. 4/17/1865; age  
 4-8-6.  
 , Jacob, son of W. & M. A. French, d. 3/23/1855; age 1-8-1.  
 Libby, John M., d. 3/29/1865; age 58-7.  
 , Lavinia, wife of John M. Libby, d. 2/13/1847; age 37.  
 ("Also her infant son.")  
 , Almira, dau. of John M. & Lavinia Libby, d. 9/24/1858;  
 age 16-5-25.  
 Stanley, Susan M., wife of James Stanley; former wife of John M.  
 Libby, d. 8/4/1870; age 62-7-26.

### Libby-Mason Burial Ground

- Libby, Hanson, d. 6/23/1861; age 88. (Town Clerk, 1807-1828).  
 , Lydia, wife of Hanson Libby, d. 1843. (Part of inscription  
 broken off).  
 Mason, Abigail, wife of Henry Mason, d. 2/3/1857; age 54.

### Isolated Grave on Libby Hill

- Libby, John, son of Stephen Libby by his first wife, Mary Knowles,  
 d. 1/21/1878; age 80-11-1.

### Isolated Grave near the "Gilman Place"

- Libby, James, son of Hanson and Lydia Libby, d. 11/14/1823; age  
 24 years. Flag.

### Emery Burying-Ground

- Emery, Theodore, d. 12/13/1851; age 72.  
 , Mary, wife of Theodore Emery, d. 11/29/1849; age 67.  
 , Edwin A., son of Theodore & Mary Emery, d. 8/10/1834;  
 age 4.

**Sargent-Rounds Burying-Ground**  
(Porterfield)

Sargent, Robert, d. 8/25/1880; age 57-11-14.

, Eliza M. Roberts, wife of Robert Sargent, d. 2/23/1862;  
age 31-11-25.

, Charlie N., son of Robert & Eliza M., d. 1/11/1873; age  
11-1-22.

, Abbie B., dau. of Robert & Eliza M. Sargent, d. 12/14/  
1873; age 20-3-20.

Rounds, John S., 1855-1931.

, Lydia L. Sargent, wife of John S. Rounds, 1851-1922.

, Annie R., b. 7/27/1847; d. 10/13/1902.

, Ida A., dau. of Oren & Betsy Rounds, d. 2/8/1864; age  
6-4-27.

, Dorothy J., dau. of Oren & Betsy Rounds, d. 2/8/1864;  
age 3-8 mos.

, Betsy, wife of Stephen Rounds, d. 7/9/1891; age 57-8-23.

Lord, George, d. 1/19/1865; age 62-6-9.

, Lydia, wife of George Lord, d. 3/22/1884; age 82-2-8.

, Mary, dau. of Lydia & George Lord, d. 9/7/1834; age 6-8  
days.

Davis, Charles B., 1835-1911.

, Abbie H., wife of Charles B., 1851-1923.

, Joseph M., son of Ezra & Margaret Davis, d. 1/13/1863;  
age 19-6-8. Flag.

, Charlotte S., dau. of Ezra & Margaret Davis, d. 9/5/1880;  
age 45-3 mos.

Merrifield, Stephen, husband of Samantha Merryfield, d. 5/31/  
1861; age 26-1-9.

, Minnie May, dau. of Noah & Florence Merrifield, d.  
12/14/1883; age 3-8-9.

**Roberts Burial-Ground**

Roberts, Abraham D., d. 9/7/1860; age 46-7 days.

, Almira, wife of John Kezar, formerly wife of A. D. Roberts,  
d. 8/14/1889; age 68-9-18.



, Jacob L., son of Abraham D. & Almira Roberts, d. 2/14/1844; age 17 days.

, Elder Joshua, d. 3/23/1839; age 71.

, Susan, wife of Elder Joshua Roberts, d. 3/8/1855; age 73-5 mos.

Leighton, Olive, d. 10/2/1817; age 53.

### Day Burial-Ground

Day, Edmund, d. 4/30/1882; age 75-1-25.

, Catharine Stanley, wife of Edmund Day, d. 11/9/1873; age 56-1-27.

, Charles, son of Edmund & Catherine S. Day, d. 7/8/1869; age 20-11-11.

### Pearl Burial-Ground

Mrs. Phebe, wife of Samuel O. Pearl, d. Nov. 16, 1856; age 39 years, 2 m. 21 days.

Note — all the other markers in this neglected burying-ground carry no inscriptions.

### Libby Cemetery

Daniel Libby, d. Sept. ? (date broken off slab), 1818; age 32 years, 5 months. "He was the first male born in Porter".

Note — Daniel was the second son of Stephen Libby, by his first wife, Mary Knowles. He was born on April 3, 1786.

Mary Rundlett Libby, the wife of Daniel Libby, d. Sept. 3, 1863; age 82-3-15.

Levi Libby, d. July 18, 1886; age 76-3-25.

Eliza D. Boothby Libby, wife of Levi Libby, d. March 22, 1892; age 80-8-15.

Mary J. Libby, dau. of Eliza D. & Levi Libby, d. Feb. 27, 1868; age 26-4-14.

Mary Libby, dau. of Eliza D. & Levi Libby, d. Apr. 27, 1840; age 1-3-9.

Warren Libby, b. Nov. 1, 1836, d. Feb. 9, 1919.

Mary Libby, wife of Warren Libby, d. Feb. 21, 1895; age 66 years, 2 months, 16 days.

Almeda B. Harmon, wife of Levi Harmon, Jr., d. Nov. 26, 1877;  
age 30-7-23.

Jennie M. Harmon, dau. of Levi & Almeda B. Harmon, Jr.  
d. 1/26/1893; age 21-7-21.

Leslie E. Norton, 1856-1922.

Hattie E. Norton, wife of L. E. Norton, 1864-1921.

Flora M. Norton, dau. of Leslie E. & Hattie E. Norton, 12/21/1890,  
d. 11/10/1911.

Charlie W., son of William F. & Julia A. York, d. 1/6/1882; age  
10-5-25.

### Kennard Hill Burial-Ground

Mary McCartee, wife of Stillman McCartee, d. 2/10/1851; age 44  
years, 4 months.

Lucinda W., dau. of Mary & Stillman McCartee, d. 8/30/1854; age  
6 years, 9 months.

### French Burial-Ground

Jacob French, d. 3/6/1851; age 72-1-20.

Wife, Mary, d. 3/18/1851; age 71-10-8.

Children of Samuel & Mary French:

Eunice A., d. 9/12/1851; age 1-6-21.

Lewis H., d. 12/5/1853; age 6-2-9.

Ida E., d. 4/1/1868; age 8 m. 25 days.

### "Walker Place" Burial-Ground

Infant, son of Lenard & Jane Walker, d. 3/19/1880; age 7 m. 14 d.

Benjamin Merrifield, d. 10/24/1861; age 29-7-6.

Son of B. Merrifield, d. 12/1(?) /1886; age 10 weeks.

### Floid Burial-Ground

Lovel Floid, d. May 3, 1876; age 68 years.

Olive, wife of Lovell Floid, d. July 25, 1886; age 87 years.

Note — The usual spelling is "Floyd," not "Floid." The  
name "Lovel" and "Lovell" is here given as it appears  
in the inscription on the stone.



**Libby-Fox Burial-Ground**

John Libby, d. 10/10/1839; age 43-8-10.

Mary G. Libby, d. 9/4/1865; age 72-2 days.

John Fox, d. 4/13/1834; age 73. Rev. soldier.

**Hubbard Burial-Ground**

Seven graves marked by field stones on the "J. A. Hubbard Place."

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### BASEBALL AND OTHER SPORTS

Reviewed by George French

The town of Porter, from away back in the days of bare-handed players and unprotected catchers, has produced her share of good teams and star players.

We have no records of teams from the village of Porter in competition with clubs from out of town, except that of around 1900 when Walter Cross caught, Mark Sawyer and Geo. Tewksbury pitched, and Arthur Gilman, Jesse Gilman, Vernon Stanley, Ollie Libby, Laurie Libby, Charlie Sawyer and Merle French were the other players, but Kezar Falls which lies in two towns, Porter and Parsonsfield, has produced many teams that were outstanding, even when playing clubs from Westbrook and Portland.

According to our helpful former Postmaster of Porter Village, Samuel Blazo, they did have an organized team back in the 1870s known as the Porter Stars which, according to reliable sources had one of the mightiest swatters of all time, catcher Al Stanley. One of the never-to-be-forgotten incidents of those days was this man's performance on the field in Kezar Falls which then lay in the triangle now bounded by School, Main and Bridge Streets. Al with his mighty bat is said to have hit one that would have made even a Mantle or a Ruth envious. This prodigious SWAT is said to have traveled from about where the Methodist Church steps now set, up, up and far away, to soar clean over the Brooks home on the hill, now occupied by Stacy Weeks!

It is most regrettable that the historical Society does not have that bat and ball among its many mementos.

Other players on the Stars' team were Preston Stanley, Fred





Kezar Falls Baseball Team of 1903. *Standing, left to right:* Ralph Merrifield, L.F.; Walter Ridlon, P. and R.F.; Harry Lord, 3rd; Elwood Elliot, Manager; Eben Day, P.; Sherman

Stanley, 1st. *Sitting, left to right:* Frank Wescott, C.; Frank Stearns, C.F.; Lawrence Wight, 2nd; Geo. French, S.S.

*Photo by Florence G. Norton*





The earliest available photo of a Kezar Falls Baseball Team (1888). *Standing, left to right:* Percy Davis, Nathan Currier, Frank Hubbard, Frank Palmer, Fred Towle, Elwin Norton, Geo. Kezar. *Sitting, left to right:* Bert Collins, Charles Fox, Fred Fox. The only surviving member of this group in 1956 was Fred Towle. He died in Aug. (1956) at the age of 84.



The first baseball team organized in South Hiram (1897). *Standing, left to right:* Will Stearns, Earl Stanley, Will Chellis, Frank Gilpatrick, Arthur Smith, Burt Smith, Frank Ridlon, Melvin Smith. *Sitting, left to right:* Frank Stearns, Archie McDaniel, Burt Gilpatrick.



Wentworth, Henry, Charles and John French, Elmer Sawyer, Ellsworth Sawyer and Charles Cross.

Coming down to the early Eighties we find records of the first Kezar Falls team to carry out a complete summer's schedule. This was in 1884. Teams played were Cornish, Groveville, Hiram and Brownfield. Local players were Charles Stacy, c., Frank Shaw, p., J. Chapman, 1st, Benton, 2d, E. Chapman, 3rd, E. Wadleigh, s.s., Herbert Ridlon, r.f., Charles Wales, c.f., Geo Wadleigh, l.f.

Two years later we find several other players carrying on, viz.; Percy Davis, Elwin Norton, Sidney Stacy, Charles Fox, Fred Fox, Fred Taylor, Gus Kennison, and J. Moran.

Among the players mentioned to this point the heavy hitter of the lot was Chas. O. Stacy; the most consistent hitter, Elwin Norton.

In those days a pitcher was allowed to throw five balls at the batter, which was to his advantage. On the other hand, he had to throw four strikes to retire the batter, but it was not necessary for the catcher to hold the fourth strike.

It was in 1887 that Fred Towle, who later on earned the reputation of being our most eccentric player, nevertheless of big time calibre, pitched his first game on the regular team, at the age of 16, and although losing to Fryeburg, 16 to 17, he struck out four men and made two runs.

By 1889, Towle was fast becoming well known as a pitcher of no ordinary ability, and throughout the 90s was pitching professional ball in "the Provinces."

Speaking of his eccentric tendencies, an incident is recalled which occurred in 1901 at So. Windham in a game which he was pitching against "The Irons" of Westbrook. It was near the end of the game with the score tied, if my memory serves me correctly. The Irons were at bat. Fred had just been complaining to the umpire about the ball which had dropped several stitches. The "ump" evidently didn't like Towle's manner of addressing him, so refused to give him a better one. Knowing Fred as I did, I realized that it cost him a tremendous effort of will power to heave that next ball, but he did it. The batter connected, but 'twas a foul ball over into the woods. (Towle has often contended since that he forced the batter to do just

that). Anyhow, he now had every reason for demanding a new ball, and he did, in no polite words.

The ump evidently was a stubborn old boy himself, for instead of obliging as he should have done with a decent ball, he yelled for faster action in returning the old one, while Towle stood there like a wooden statue, so tense that the crowd was on tip-toe, expecting something violent to happen, and it did. The old ball came sailing back, but Fred made no effort to catch it. Instead, he dodged it. It landed kersmack against the umpire's mid-section. Fred was indiscreet enough to turn with a grin on what would have done credit to Joe E. Brown. The ump in an attempt to show much dignity, slowly bent, picked up the ball and with flushed face extended his hand with the seedy ball therein to Towle. Fred hesitated a second, then grabbing it, turned and hurled it so far into the woods that it was forever beyond retrieving. The ump, with an apopleptic face, stared at Fred in uncertainty for a moment, then yelled, "The game is called in favor of The Irons."

Towle never was a whirlwind when moving about on the ball field, but he did have speed and control, and a rising inshoot that was never excelled by other local players of his era. I well recall several personal experiences that I suffered, so to speak, when I was about nine years old, which served to show something of Fred's control and self-confidence. At the edge of the woods back of his home was a sand bank which served as a backstop, so he would lay a shingle near it; place me in an imaginary batter's box, then warn me very persuasively not to move, even when the ball should be speeding directly at me. "Remember," he would say, "don't dodge, for it will curve away from you, or will shoot up over your head when about to hit you." Although all a-tremble, I would shut my eyes and just stand there till the ball plunked into the bank, then heave it back, each spasm of fear making me one cent richer. Not once, during those trying experiences, was I hit, otherwise I couldn't now be speaking of them. I could go on at great length, relating anecdotes about this unique baseball character, but after two more, will get on with my regular story.

We were playing at Freedom, N. H., in 1910, I believe — anyhow





K. F. Base Ball Team of 1908. *Left to right:* Walter Ridlon, p., Art Smith, outfield, Sherm Stanley, 1st, Archie McDaniel, c., Harold McDaniel, outfield, Geo. French, 3d, Carl Stacy, outfield, Vernon Gilpatrick, sub. c., Frank Westcott, s.s.



K. F. Base Ball Team of 1921. *Front row, from left:* Roy Linscott, c., Archie Stanley, p. and c.f., Charley Fox, s.s., Edson Hadlock, 2d and outfield, Carl Pugsley, outfield, Not local. *Rear row:* Frank Stearns, mgr., Harley Parker, Harold Mitchell, 1st, Walter Ridlon, p., Tom Dignan (Holy Cross), p., Not local, Frank Jock, c., Fred Small, 3d, Frank Palmer, scorer, Elwood Elliott, umpire.



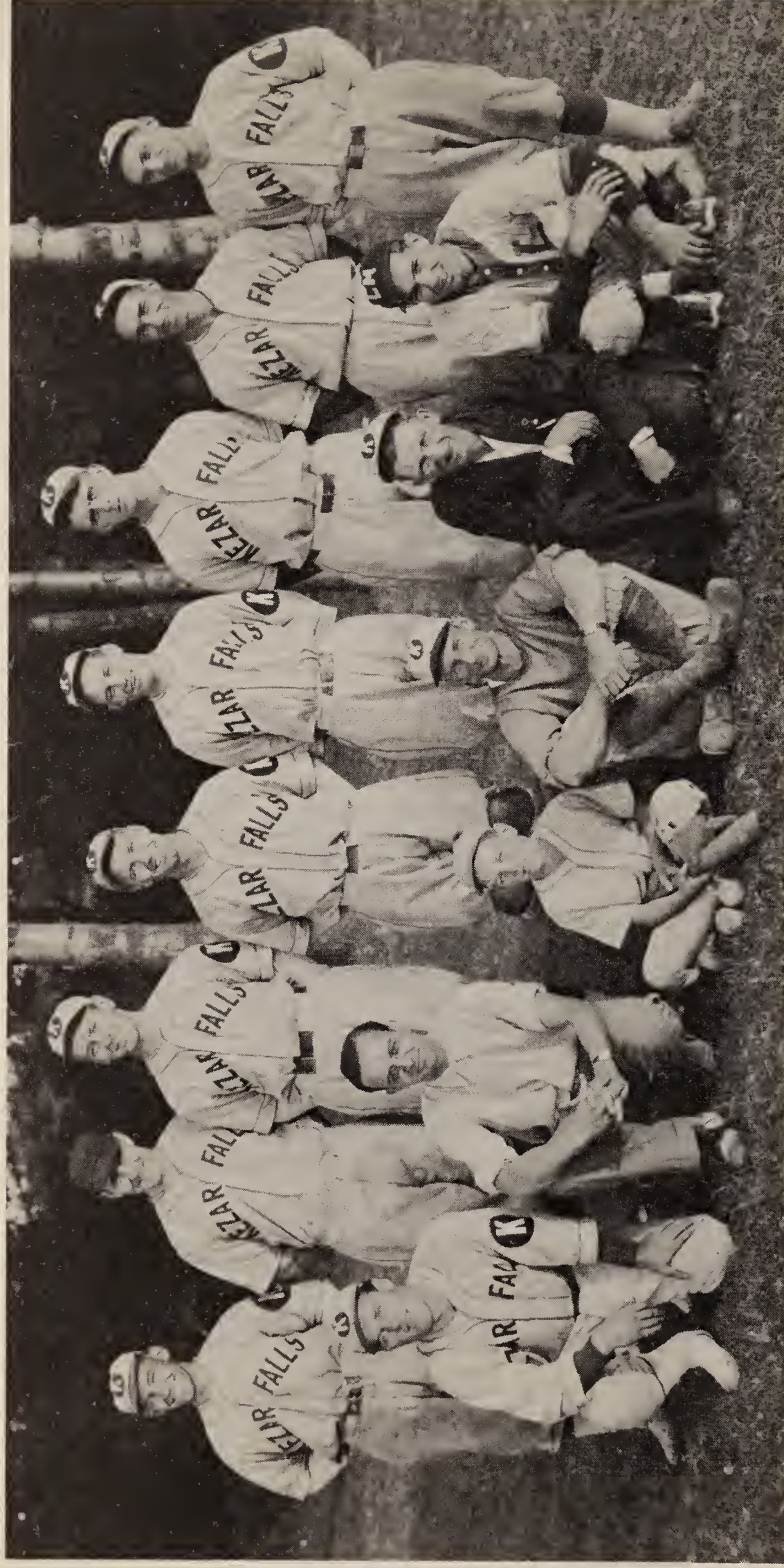


K. F. Base Ball Team of 1925. *Front, left to right:* Maynard Burnell, Edson Hadlock, Roy Meserve, Frank Stearns. *Rear, left to right:* Elwood Elliott, Charley Fox, Harold Mitchell, Roy Day, Frank Holmes, Harry Watson, Carl Pugsley.



K. F. Base Ball Team of Early 1930s. *Front, standing, from left:* Hugh Stearns, Frank Stearns, mgr., Dave Turcotte, infield, Harry Hadlock, infield, Harry Huntress, sub., Joe Weeks, c., Del Collomy, infield, Roger Stearns. *Rear row, from left:* Wm. Cross, p. and outfield, John Garner, p., Howard Fox, outfield, John Casey, 1st, Myron Stacy, outfield, not local, not local. The two in front are Bill Tarbox, Randolph Stacy.





Kezar Falls Baseball Team (1935). *Front:* Wayland Hawker, Allen Garner, Business Manager, Randall Stacy, Charles Fox, Gramp Tarbox, Warner Waler. *Rear:* Harry Hadlock, ? Tur-

cotte, John Garner, ? Chemard, Dave Turcotte, John Casey, Del Callomy, Dan Hadlock. *Note:* In 1931, this team lost but one game (Sebago Lake) Saco Valley League.



it was some time after Fred had laid his old glove on the shelf, presumably for keeps. But there he was, speeding them over in pretty much his old form, and the assorted team of college stars were not hitting him at all freely, while we, principally due to the good hitting of Archie McDaniel, Carl Stacy, Carroll Wales and others were keeping the score on an even keel. Then occurred "one of those things" — a high pop fly seemingly was coming down plumb into Towle's hands. We all watched Fred get set for it, then — Horrors! When it was within twenty feet of his hands, he suddenly ducked and yelled, "Take it, George!" And there I was back by second base where a runner was prancing about like a terrier on a leash. Of course the game was won right there, as I wasn't within thirty feet of the ball, and a runner scored while Fred was standing there giving me a call down.

Another time we were playing some team at the Cornish Fair and winning. Fred had reached the stage when he wasn't too fond of legging it around the bases, so he aimed to even up matters by making prodigious swings at bat. He hadn't been having pronounced success until the 7th inning when, in picking up his bat, he rolled his eyes up at me and muttered, "You see that light board in the fence away out in left field? Well, I'm going to knock the d—ball out of the grounds right there." Then he ambled slowly up to the plate; swiped at the very first ball, and did it! After a slow jaunt around the bases, he calmly seated himself beside me, saying in a low voice, "Don't you wish you could do that?"

I was at bat shortly thereafter and by some unexplainable coincidence duplicated Fred's stunt. Naturally, I felt pretty cocky when I sat myself down beside him and glanced at him out of the corner of my eye. I knew he wouldn't enthuse noticeably, yet did hope for some encouraging reaction on his part. Instead, he sat there like old Sitting Bull, his eyes focused on the ground, apparently oblivious to all else but his thoughts. That was Fred to a T, but if he had just then heard some one belittling my stunt, he would have exploded quite emphatically.

Uncle Fred was the very last of the old timers to go, meaning the local players of the late eighties and mid-nineties. He died suddenly,





Kezar Falls Legion Team, 1948. *Front row, left to right:*  
 1. Roger Hussey, 2. Chester Cutting, 3. Harry Hadlock,  
 4. John Garner, 5. Myron (Mike) Stacy, 6. Arnold Dahl,  
 7. Harold Mason, 8. Roscoe Pease, Manager. *Rear row, left*

*to right:* 1. Myron Weeks, 2. Ernest Hussey, Jr., 3. Willard  
 Hussey, 4. David Granville, 5. Edmund Langlois, 6. Charley  
 Churchill, 7. Owen Griffith, Field Manager. The bat boy —  
 Richard Stacy (Mike's son).



with his boots on, at the age of 84, on Aug. 17, 1956.

From 1887 to the early nineties such other players as Edgar Ham, Ernest Ham, Wm. Bushby, Illingsworth, Fred Weeks, Burt Fox, B. Ridlon, D. Ridlon, G. Ridlon, Leslie Weeks, Nathan Currier, Bert Collins and Frank Hubbard played on various teams. During this era the regular battery consisted of Fred Fox, pitcher, and Bert Collins, catcher. At the close of the '88 season, the highest batting averages were, Collins 360; Kezar 308; Norton 300; Towle 294.

The only picture handed down to us from those days shows the following players: Collins, c., F. Fox, p., Elwin Norton, 1 b., Percy Davis, 2 b., N. Currier, 3 b., Frank Hubbard, r.f., C. Fox, c.f., and manager, Geo. Kezar, l.f., Fred Towle, s.s. and subpitcher, and Frank Palmer, scorer. Later on the star catcher for several years in the '90s was Bill Bushby.

It was in the late '90s that several real stars came to the fore, the most scintillating of whom was Harry Lord; a name well known throughout the professional baseball world from 1905 until Harry retired from the game in the 'twenties. But before I elaborate on Harry's career, something about the others.

The name Eben Day, southpaw, ranks well up among those of Fred Fox, Fred Towle, Walter Ridlon, Ralph Stacy, Archie Stanley and John Garner, the last of the line of old reliables to date. Eben was a tireless worker and maintained a very creditable record of victories during the years from late '90s to 1904 when his services were sought by various other teams here and there. The writer recalls having played with him on a Norway summer team in 1905 and of his good work against such teams as Oxford, Bryant Pond, So. Paris, and others.

During the late '90s when the names Towle and Bushby were becoming less frequently seen, Day and McDaniel became common, and frequently Ridlon and McDaniel.

One game in particular stands out in my mind as clearly as though it were but a few years ago; a game in which Bill Bushby "stole the thunder." It was around 1897. The game was being played in the old Sam Newton pasture against some Portland team that was expected to trim the locals. Bushby, who had not been in uniform for



some time, was behind the bat once again.

No runs were scored during the first half of the opening inning. Then the Kezars came to bat, with Bushby as the first man up. The pitcher looked him and his beautiful moustache over, then, after a bewildering series of contortions, propelled that nice, new, snow-white sphere across the plate. Bushby didn't believe in permitting such a ball to slip past, so he swung. It was a terrific swipe that met the ball right on the waistband. Such a crack! Within seconds that ball was traveling on a line far beyond the center fielder who had become all tangled up in the sweet fern out there, and Bill was rounding the bases at quite some velocity, his moustaches waving in the breeze.

The crowd being a typical, loyal Kezar Falls throng, let loose in characteristic fashion, with the voices of Pedro Benton, Abisha Thomes, Lewis Pendexter, and Geo. Day, blaring forth in such thunderous tones, that a shower of pine cones rattled loose from overhead. Bushby, in real gladiator style, strode to the home plate, faced the crowd, doffed his cap, and admonished everyone to reserve his exuberance until more sure of the game. It was a magnificent gesture — a gesture that no one could ever forget.

And now, on second thought, another spectacular, as well as side-splitting incident of that game comes to mind through the haze of over 59 years. Fred Towle had also donned the old uniform again and was playing first base, the meanwhile, in the quite common old-fashioned style of those days enjoying a huge quid of chewing tobacco. A rather modest little pop foul was trying to drop between first and the opponent's bench (so called) of players. Fred wanted it; in fact he exerted himself nobly to get it. It was beating him to the punch, so to speak, when he made his all-out dive for it, landing flat on his tummy with such force that a copious stream of tobacco juice escaped, to be projected at least five yards and all over several pairs of the opposing players' feet. Fred lay there for a minute; a big grin on his face, with the ball safely reposing in his mit.

Many interesting anecdotes could be told about baseball at Kezar Falls during those years from 1895 to 1905 when the old timers were gradually beginning to fade away and new ones take over.

Another incident of those thrilling days of baseball in the old Newton pasture, too spectacular to pass by, was recently recalled to mind by Arthur Davis and Charley Fox. It really belongs in the "Believe It or Not" book of phenomena. Some team from Portland brought along a player who, years later, was to make history in Maine sports.

It was the custom in those days for spectators who drove their horse-drawn vehicles into the pasture to park all the way from the left field area to just off third base; so occasionally, a long foul to that vicinity was out of play for the ordinary left fielder. But this chap in question happened to be an extraordinary player. Some local hitter sent a soaring foul fly deep into the left field area where it seemed fated to land among the horses and wagons, but this fielder in question went after it, saw a horse blocking his way, made a spectacular vault over the animal and caught the ball! Years later, Charley Fox dropped into the sporting goods store of Herbie Welch in Oquossoc. Welch, at the time, was the champion fly-caster of Maine, if not of the Nation. On hearing Charley mention Kezar Falls, Welch casually remarked, "Kezar Falls? Well, well, that's where I made the baseball play of my life years ago when, on the dead run, I vaulted a horse near the left field line, and caught a fly from the bat of one of Kezar's sluggers."

This was the era when many tried, but few stayed on. During this period new faces to appear on the scene were those of Eben Day, already extolled, and Archie McDaniel, one of the best hitting catchers ever to play on a Maine field. Scarcely a local game ended in which he participated without his having hoisted at least one soaring 3-bagger to left field. Again I can speak from experience of having been privileged to play many games with Archie — at Bridgton Academy in the spring terms of 1903 and 1904; at Norway in the summer of 1905, and later on in 1907 on the Blue Stockings of Kezar Falls.

For awhile, beginning late in the summer of 1905, Archie played with Nashua of the New England League and ranked well up with the best hitters. Later on he was with Brockton. Others to make



the grade at Kezar Falls along with Day, McDaniel, etc., were Walter Ridlon who pitched many years and with effective results; Win Watson whose bare right-hand reaches on first base were thrilling; Coote Elliot who was one of our best outfielders until a tricky knee cap forced him to give up playing; Frank Wescott ("Wesey"), one of the peppiest little short-stops ever to cavort about the Newton field, as well as one of the surest single-base hitters; Ralph Merri-field, the only cross-handed hitter I ever knew, and yet effective, a good runner as well as third baseman; Art Smith, whose long line drives were beautiful to behold; the author, who played his first game on the "big team" in 1902 in right field, and who in later games played second and filled in at pitching; Sherman Stanley, another snappy, reliable first baseman; Frank Stearns, another live-wire as well as "heady" player — Frank roamed the outfield, mostly — and finally, Harry Lord, third baseman, deluxe.

Harry always gave Fred Towle, then captain, the credit for getting himself started as a real player. I well recall that start. It was in 1896 that Fred handed Harry a uniform and told him to take center-field. I don't recall who the opponents were, but do know 'twas a victory game for us, and that a lot of credit was given Harry, for he not only played a perfect game in the field, despite rain part of the time, but also made a timely hit and scored at least one run. Harry had "arrived," and at the age of 14. From then on for some 20 years Harry went up and up on the climb to baseball fame, from the crude fields of Kezar Falls through Bridgton Academy where he not only played third, but also pitched very creditably. Bridgton Academy's 1904 team for which Harry did the twirling, and captained, won the championship of a special tournament played at Bates College between B. A., Hebron, and Kent's Hill. McDaniel and French also played on B. A., French hitting the only home run of the series.

Harry entered Bates College in 1904 where he played in the spring of 1905, as did French. From Bates he went to the Pine Tree team for two years, then was taken over by the Boston Americans (the Red Sox) and sent to Worcester in 1906; then to Providence in 1907, and in 1908 he became a fixture on the Boston team for several years, serving as captain and third baseman. Lord then played three years

on the Chicago White Sox as third baseman and captain, eventually signing a three-year contract with Buffalo in the Federal League which lasted a very brief period. Harry was typical "bred-in-the-bone" baseball player — fast, heady, scrappy, fearless, and a good hitter. At some exhibition given by American League sprinters Harry's record of three seconds from home plate to first base made baseball history.

I repeat that Harry was a baseball man instinctively. He was never known to quit. His aggressive characteristic was aptly demonstrated during a game in 1903 on the Newton field when Eben Day was pitching and he was playing 3rd, a pop fly went up about half way between 3rd and the pitcher's box. Eben yelled, "I got it," but Harry yelled louder, "It's mine, Eben!" Eben, having a bit longer reach, took it, whereat Harry gave him a call-down in real baseball lingo.

At another time we were playing Westbrook on their grounds. Several wrangles with both their players and umpire had served to raise the temperature of all of us, but Harry's in particular, the result being that three successive times while in said mood he drilled the ball to first and the home plate with such force that it tore its way through the receiver's hands and kept on traveling. These, however, are trivial incidents in the career of a man so good during his playing days that at this time (1956), his name is being quite seriously considered for Baseball's Hall of Fame.

Harry was born in the Porter section of Kezar Falls, in the building just back of the former Advent Chapel, in 1883. After giving up big league baseball, he settled in So. Portland, ran a grocery store, coached and played locally, participated in politics, and for several years before his death in 1948 conducted a coal business in Portland. Meanwhile, being an ardent hunter, he had bought the Simeon Day place near Colcord Pond in Porter, remodelled it, and spent much time there, hunting and entertaining old friends. Lord's only son, Donald, carried on as a high school player of repute in So. Portland and at the University of N. H. around 1930 where he pitched on the varsity.

Time marches on and we are now looking over the records of the



years from 1904 to the end of World War I. A host of boys have graduated from the ranks of the twine-ball players and together with some of the veterans carry on.

The team of 1908, known as the Blue Stockings, carried out a full schedule under the capable managership of Frank Stearns, with old timer Archie McDaniel as captain. Other old reliables on this team were Frank Wescott, Walter Ridlon, Sherman Stanley and Arthur Smith of So. Hiram. Even the author ranked as somewhat of a veteran, having played off and on various teams since 1902, and Fred Towle was still holding on, pitching several games during the season. New players were Carl Stacy, a very consistent hitter, Harold McDaniel, Vernon Gilpatrick, Manager Stearns, and Carroll Wales—faster on his feet than many a college player, Frank Holmes, one of Par-Sem's star players, and Geo. Farrell who caught a few games. A new ball field was then in use north of the present Mountain View Avenue.

We must not overlook Elwood Elliott's connection with baseball over the years. Before the turn of the century and later, he was either manager or umpire, or both; in fact he was as familiar a figure on a Kezar Falls baseball field as any player. Even as late as 1925 his services were constantly sought, as his judgment was excellent and his honesty as an umpire unexcelled. Elwood's son, Herbert, made good as a pitcher at the University of Maine.

Speaking of managers, we pay tribute to our player-manager, and later manager, Frank Stearns, who pepped up baseball for more than twenty years. In fact he was still working in the interest of the game at Kezar Falls as late as the nineteen thirties, during which Allen Garner did his bit and Roscoe Pease held the lines for several years.

Another good sport, always interested in the game and ready to serve the cause, was Frank Palmer. His bit consisted mainly of handling the score book efficiently. He was on the job, off and on, from the mid eighties to well into the twenties.

And yes, there's still another all-around booster who not only did managerial duties, but also a good umpiring job. That was Owen Griffith, always a loyal supporter who knew the game from A to Z.

Now before I leave the old timers out of the picture let me run back to around 1896 when So. Hiram bestirred itself and came up with a team that gave its neighbor team at "The Falls" considerable competition for a year, at least. This group of bat wielders grabbed Archie McDaniel for its catcher, and around him developed a team of huskies made up of Mel Smith, Arthur Smith, Bert Smith, Bert Gilpatric, Frank Gilpatrick, Frank Ridlon, Bill Chellis, and Frank Stearns, with Earl Stanley and Will Stearns acting as scorer and manager, respectively. I recall a game played at Brownfield in 1897 by this aggregation in which Art Smith with his wagon tongue bat of unusual length drove a liner so far into the spaces beyond center-field that I, as a kid, wondered if it would continue over Burnt Meadow Mountain.

The team disbanded after a severe injury to its pitcher, Mel Smith, who received one of Eben Day's deliveries in the face while at bat in a game in which bitter rivalry prevailed between the neighboring teams. After this, Art and Archie joined the Kezars, with Frank Stearns following suit later on.

After World War I, almost an entirely new group of players represented the Kezars, and on a real ball field laid out back of the high school. Its personnel was not confined to players residing in Kezar Falls and So. Hiram. Instead we find on it such men as Roy Linscott, Carl Pugsley, Harley Parker, Mit Burnell, Fred Small and Harry Watson, all of Cornish; Harold Mitchell of Freedom, Elwin Towne of East Parsonsfield, and various others from time to time. Local players were Archie Stanley, pitcher and outfielder, Charley Fox, shortstop, Edson Hadlock, 2nd and outfield, old war-horse Walter Ridlon who still had a little spring left in his good right arm, and Frank Jock, catcher. Occasional players were Dan Mulloy, Paul Marston, and Roy Day.

Frank Jock hailed from Dexter where he played such good baseball that he was given a tryout in the New England League. This young veteran of World War I deserves special mention because of his remarkable record during that war — he not only fought on all of the major battle fronts, but also kept such an accurate record of his experiences that his papers constitute a most valuable source of



information, and are considered by national personnel as priceless.

Speaking of Charley Fox, here was another player of natural ability who possessed both speed and skill and ranked among our best hitters; in fact his batting average for several years headed the list — around 1921 to 1923. It was at the Philadelphia Textile Institute, 1914-1915, that Charley was molded into a shortstop of real merit. He played on the varsity both years, thus learning the game from the ground up, and fitting himself for yeoman service with the locals on his return from "the Institute."

It was in the early "thirties" that baseball at Kezar Falls reached its peak and continued on a high level as long as John Garner did the twirling. Fresh from Lowell "Tech" where he first awoke to the fact that he had an arm of real baseball calibre, and a pair of legs that could take him around the bases with the fastest players, he brought back to his home town such a reputation and inspiration that baseball here zoomed to a peak of par excellence.

John, known as "Zeke" among friends and the sporting fraternity, worked his speedy left arm throughout many a victorious combat in this section of Maine, from the time of his debut, to the late "forties." A good hitter, as well as fast and clever, he was of major league calibre, consequently was wanted by various clubs, especially by the Philadelphia Athletics, and Connie Mack who tried to sign him up and farm him out for a year. John's aim, however, was to carry on among and in the interests of his home people. During his first years here after leaving Lowell Tech several of his teammates came along with him, thus adding tone and color to a group of players so enthusiastically supported by townspeople and neighboring enthusiasts that games on the local field were not unlike the old time circus days — the grandstand ran over; cars lined every available nook, horns blared, and even the area for grass-sitters was constantly warm.

No amateur foes were too formidable for Kezar Falls teams of the 1933 to 1949 era, even the Colored Giants of Philadelphia once succumbing to their prowess.

Here is the personnel of an early "thirties" team: John Garner, p., Joe Weeks, c., Joe was of big league calibre; was signed up by

the Chicago White Sox at one time. Following a fine record with the Worumbo team of Lisbon Falls, he was signed up by the Chicago White Sox and played on Fort Worth in the Texas League; John Casey, first base; Dave Turcotte of Lowell Tech, 2nd base; Dan Hadlock, one while a player in the Pine Tree League, shortstop; Harry Hadlock, the mighty midget who wielded a mighty wicked bat, and was as peppy as a pepper pot, third base; Del Collomy, who played with Lowell awhile in the New England League, outfielder; Howard Fox, a rangy, sure outfielder and long-ball hitter, Myron (Mike) Stacy, outfielder and occasional catcher, another local boy good enough to play in fast company in a Canadian league; Myron Weeks, catcher and outfielder; Harry Huntress, sub; Wm. Cross of Cornish who pitched, occasionally, and played in the outfield; Arthur Stacy; and Eddie Carleton of Cornish who coached and managed one of our teams around 1930.

It was in 1931 that Kezar Falls made what is probably its best record, losing but one game for the season in the Saco Valley League.

So many different players appeared on Kezar Falls teams in the later 'thirties and 'forties that I may have omitted mention of a few — I hope I haven't.

Certainly the names of Clinton Stacy, Ralph Stacy, Clark Weeks, and Edson Hadlock, Jr. merit a place on the honor roll of players. Ralph was a pitcher of no little repute, while Edson, Jr. was another player who went places after leaving town. It was at Gorham State Teachers' College that he developed into a pitcher of real note, so much so that he was given a berth in the New England League on the Portland Pilots. This was in 1948-49. Back in 1945 or '46, after returning from service in the Navy he pitched for the local (Kezar Falls) team; graduated from Gorham in 1947, then, as stated, joined the Pilots where his prowess attracted the attention of such big league teams as the Phillies, and the Brooklyn Dodgers. In fact the latter team tried to sign him up, but he chose to carry on as a teacher and a coach, and do his playing on the side, so to speak. He has taught and coached at Portland High since 1953. In 1955 and 1956 we find him playing for Liverpool in Nova Scotia. He also played for St. Johnsbury in the Northern League, and again in the



Canadian League.

Baseball seems to have been sort of second nature to the Hadlocks of Porter, for with Edmund who played outfield around 1940, Dan, Edson, Harry, Edson, Jr., and now a new generation of them making headlines with the popular Little Leaguers, the name Hadlock has been a distinctive one in local baseball line-ups for over thirty-five years.

In the late 1940s and early '50s baseball at Kezar Falls sort of reached another peak. The Legion Post lent its support by remaking the high school ball field. Roscoe Pease worked out several seasons of excellent schedules and many young players appeared on the baseball horizon such as Wayne Stacy, a University of Maine student and later a teacher, son of former player Carl — Wayne held down third base in commendable fashion and did his part well at keeping the team on its toes. Then there was Chester Cutting, a good catcher and opportune hitter, with Harold Mason, Charley Churchill, David Granville, Edmund Langlois, and Roger Stearns as utility players, and the three Hussey boys from North Parsonsfield—Ernest Jr. at first, Willard at second, and Roger at short. All three were unusually fine fielders and made many superb plays that won the plaudits of the spectators.

Among the older players on these teams John Garner was still pitching, Myron Stacy catching or playing in the outfield, Arnold Dahl covering first base, Myron Weeks catching or playing outfield, and Harry Hadlock, the mighty mite with the dangerous bat playing 3d.

By the mid-fifties, many of the old reliables had sort of drifted away into lines of activity and business that absorbed their attention, and the younger fellows were scattered far and wide, consequently major baseball hereabouts sort of faded away.

However, another army of youngsters is on the march, many of whom will be heard from before many years. In fact, as a team, they already have proven their metal by winning the championship for 1956 in Saco Valley Little League. They came through without losing a single game. The players: Wayne Hadlock, Terry Hadlock, Jim Hadlock, Robert MacDonald, Joe Langlois, Jeff Griffith,

Sterling Lowe, Carroll Eastman, Rodney Moody, Peter Davis, Walter Ridlon, Glen Ronco, Gary Davis, and Stephen Grames. This team was coached by Sidney Griffith who also coaches Cornish High, in addition to serving as Principal, and doing an excellent job in each field.

- My story about local baseball from the early eighties to date thus comes to an end. It would be mighty interesting in another ten years to review the records of these coming men of baseball, the Little Leaguers. I envy Mr. Griffith because of his great opportunity, as well as the local school leaders who have the molding of these young athletes in their hands.

In bringing this review to a close it would seem fitting that I also speak of four local boys who made good in other phases of sport, namely, Lucien Stacy, Eugene Hussey, Robert Churchill, and Charley Churchill. Lucien, a husky youngster from the back hills of Porter, on the road to Devil's Den Mountain, was sent to West Point. It would seem that he inherited something of the ruggedness of the huge trees and boulders that still abound in the vicinity of his home, the George Ed Stacy farm, later known as the Moses Chapman farm, for, although probably never having played football prior to entering the military academy, he not only became one of its football greats in the back field, but also arose to the captaincy in his senior year. From there he went forth to serve as an officer in the Spanish American War where he became a victim of the yellow fever scourge.

Eugene, son of Leon and Amy Hussey, attended the University of Maine to specialize in the veterinary profession, but he did more than that by developing into an outstanding basketball center.

Robert Churchill made good as a football player at Fryeburg Academy, as well as making a fine record in track, as a sprinter, high jumper and shot-putter, and at the University of Maine where he graduated in 1953 starred on the varsity basketball team at center and forward during three of his four years.

Charley Churchill also did yeoman service at Fryeburg Academy in both football and basketball.

Speaking in the third person maybe the author will be pardoned for bringing his own record into this story, on the basis of its being



a fairly authentic record of local boys who did at least a little better than ordinary in the field of sports. The author became athletically ambitious while attending Parsonsfield Seminary, thanks to the advice of a young Bowdoin man who coached at the Seminary for two weeks in preparation for the first Interscholastic Field Meet of Saco Valley. This meet was held on the Cornish Fair Grounds in 1902 between the high schools, including academies, of Limerick, Cornish, Limington, Waterboro, and Par-Sem.

Par-Sem won the meet, the author winning the individual high score with first places in the Hammer Throw, Shot Put, and Pole Vault; third in the Broad Jump, and second in the Baseball Throw. On participating in his first Interclass Track Meet as a freshman at Bates College in 1904, he again won the individual high score with first in the Hammer and Shot events; and second in the Discus Throw and Pole Vault. After playing one season on the varsity baseball team he dropped this sport and devoted the same time to Track, with emphasis on the Hammer Throw. This did not interfere too much with football requirements, so he played during his Freshman, Sophomore and Senior years, mainly at guard on offense, and as a roving center on defense. Rheumatic fever and pleurisy prevented his participation in sports during the fall of his Junior year. In the Maine Intercollegiate Track Meets of the author's Junior and Senior years, he won third and second place, respectively, for Bates in the Hammer Throw. In his Senior year, having devoted much time to acquiring an all-around proficiency in athletics for his later work as a coach and physical director, he was appointed assistant Gym instructor, and ended his college career by setting a new Bates record in the Hammer Throw that remained unbroken for seven years. The author's first two years after graduating were spent as teacher, gym instructor and coach in all sports at Deerfield Academy, Mass., and the following seven years in a similar capacity at Monson Academy, Mass. In 1924 he emerged from storage at the age of 42, to pitch for the Kiwanis Club of Newark, N. J., in competition with neighboring Kiwanis Clubs. His team won the championship, and he won the high batting average. Pardon this personal angle, please, but this is a record of Kezar Falls athletes and the author just hap-

pens to be one of them, and proud of it. So with one more entry I will stop the clock: In 1927, the author won the New Jersey Horse-shoe Pitching Championship, to be shortly thereafter ousted by his 17-year-old son, Donald, who went him one better by corraling both the New Jersey and the New York State championships, and went on to score the highest Bowling average in his league over eight successive years.

And this just about brings to a close my review of baseball and other forms of athletics, as carried on by local participants from as far back as records and other media of information have been available. No doubt there are many omissions, and so my apologies to all whom I may have overlooked.

George French



## XXXI

### CONCLUDING THOUGHTS

So far no mention has been made as to who was the founder or the first settler of Kezar Falls. This "omission" is due to the fact that the early records of the village have hitherto remained in a state of "suspended animation" and only at the eleventh hour been aroused to place themselves at the writer's disposition!

Having subjected all the available historic material to a minute examination, two persons stand out from all the rest in respect to priority. I've had the honor of mentioning these worthies before, but only now as outstanding figures in a community of progressive pioneers.

Bartholomew Gould (1774-1815) comes first. He, his wife Mary Goodwin and several children, came from Wells, Maine, and established themselves in the town of Porter prior to 1810. Although he had to walk on crutches from the time he was 21, this handicap did not deter him from settling in what was then a wilderness — now the heart of Kezar Falls. Bartholomew built his log house on the west bank of a brawling brook; the very same stream that today flows from Spectacle Pond into Ridlon Brook at South Hiram. A caved-in cellar sheltered by a lonesome pine now mark the site of his home — close to where Mrs. Mildred Gould Spring now lives.

Nine children were born to the Goulds — four boys and five girls; all but two, a son and a daughter, survived childhood, several living to go beyond the age of 90!

Bartholomew Gould and his family occupied the log structure for several years; clearing the forest down as far as to the Great Ossipee River; plowing the virgin soil; cultivating his grains and vegetables

in anticipation of a bountiful harvest; raising cattle, sheep and hogs — the Almighty looked with favor upon Bartholomew's exertions for he was a pious man.

William Stanley (1776-1822), Bartholomew's compatriot, settled in the adjoining town of Hiram about the same time. He built his log cabin near what is now known as Stanley Pond, as mentioned in a previous chapter. The site of his home is now designated by a magnificent elm that holds its sheltering arms over the caved-in cellar.

William Stanley, like Bartholomew Gould, was a man of action and of a keen foresight. He was a millwright, and his sawmills could be found on many of the principal streams of Porter, Hiram and Cornish. The sawmill on Ridlon Brook at South Hiram is probably the only one that remains today. It is a noteworthy fact that four generations — all lineal descendants of William Stanley, have followed this noble occupation.

With the coming of the sawmill, log houses were on their way out and frame structures came into general use. Both Gould and Stanley tore down their log cabins as soon as sufficient building material became available at the mills.

Ridlon Brook was probably named after Samuel Ridlon whose home was located near that stream. He was married to Esther, the eldest daughter of William and Susannah Stanley, and their homes were but a short distance apart.

As previously pointed out, the town of Porter built a road between Freedom, N. H. and Hiram in 1830. As a matter of fact, the greater part of this road, the Ossipee Trail, had been widened years before to permit the use of vehicles; that improvement was made on the trail between Porter Village and the town of Freedom. By 1833, when a bridge spanned the Great Ossipee at the Falls, settlers began trickling into the new village formed by the towns of Porter and Parsonsfield. Fourteen years later — in 1844, an interesting document was formulated at Kezar Falls. It concerned water power:

“To David Colcord, Esq. One of the Justices of the Peace within and for the County of Oxford. The undersigned being desirous of incorporating themselves for the



purpose of improving the water power at Kezar Falls, so called, for factories or other purposes hereby apply to you and request you to issue a warrant in due form of law directed to any one of the undersigned applicants directing him to notify each and every one of us to meet at the Free Meeting House at Kezar Falls, so called, in the town of Porter on Saturday the 20th day of April A.D. 1844 at four o'clock P.M. for the above purpose, and to act on the following articles, viz; first to choose a Moderator to govern said meeting; second, to choose a Society Clerk; third, to choose a Prudential Committee; fourth, to act on any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Porter, April 10th, 1884.

G. M. Randall  
Moses Sweat

Edward Gibbs  
Flanders Newbegin  
Ezra Gibbs "

Although the Kezar Falls Woolen Mill first began to operate in 1881, we are led to surmise that some kind of a mill or manufactory motivated by water power must have been in use during that interval of thirty-seven years.

While on the subject of water power, let us return to South Hiram; to the saw mill mentioned earlier — one of the oldest saw mills in operation in the State of Maine. As mentioned earlier, William Stanley built this mill and following his death in 1822, the property passed to his son, Isaac (1802-1883); his two sons, George and Samuel, got the mill next. The Stanleys sold it to Tobias Libby, and he, in turn, gave the mill to his son, Randall; the later disposing of it to James R. Milliken in 1864, and his son, George, inherited the saw mill in 1875. Orman L. Stanley and Frank M. Stearns acquired the property several decades later and operated the mill for a number of years, then sold it to the Clark Lumber Company. This firm sold the saw mill to its present owner, the Lewis Lumber Company, a few years ago.

The Glen Bobbin Mill on Glen Street, the chief industry at South Hiram, had its beginning in the latter part of the past century as a

saw mill, built by Milton Smith for Eugene F. Stanley. The present structure is modern and was rebuilt under the proprietorship of Carlton T. Fox and Charles G. Fox.

Since the charming little hamlet of S. Hiram lies within the precincts of Kezar Falls, it is pertinent to include this village in this sketch. It was originally known as "Slab City" — an appropriate name at that time, but no longer so as any traveler passing through it will cheerfully verify. The village is exemplary clean and its atmosphere breathes peace and prosperity.

Among the residents of South Hiram are:

Mr. Frd. Hannaford, Florist — his "Riverside Greenhouse" on S. Hiram Road will enrich anyone who loves flowers; and who does not?

Milton Libby, Carpenter.

Arnold Pendexter, State Highway Supervisor.

Carlton G. Pendexter, Proprietor of "The Corner Store", a place that has become a landmark, chiefly due to its cheerful owner.

George Tracy, retired painter and carpenter.

Bruce Nason, former student at M. I. T.

Bavil Kenerson, retired business man; veteran of World War I.

Miss Edith L. Gillmore, retired Postmaster. Miss Gillmore was Postmaster at South Hiram for 30 years — 7 years at her home town, Port Clyde. She is at present the Proprietor of "Antiques — Trash 'n' Treasures."

Ruth E. Pendexter, Postmaster, appointed on March 10, 1955. The first Postmaster at S. Hiram was John Durgin — he was appointed to that office on Sept. 1, 1879. Rev. Curtis L. Stanley, our highly esteemed speaker at the Porter Old Meeting House's annual reunion, was once the Postmaster at S. Hiram.

Harold Burgess, Supt. at Churchill Motors.

Harvey L. Pendexter, Selectman and carpenter.

Irving Merrifield, retired carpenter.

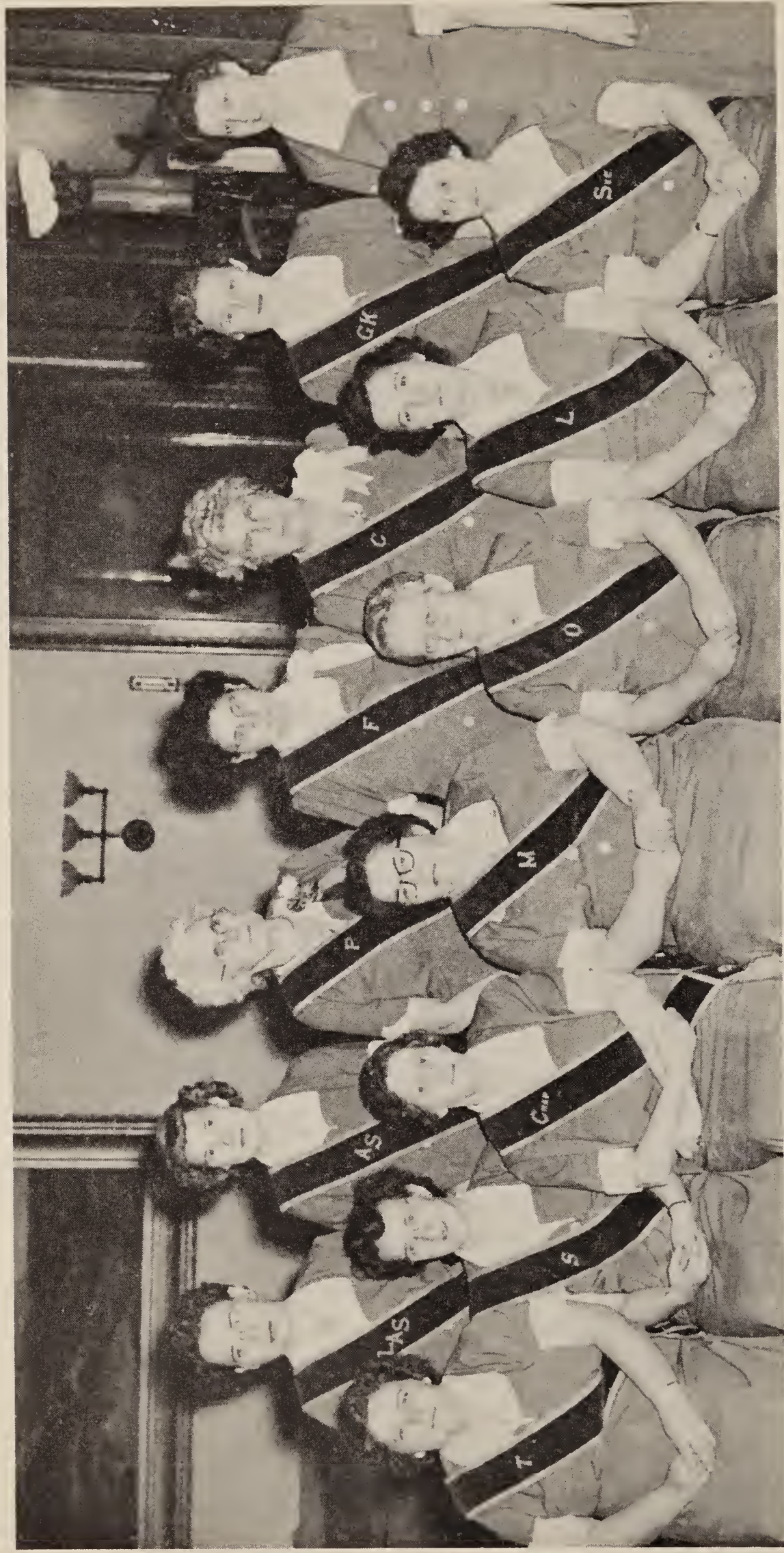
Mrs. Grace Smith, retired nurse.

Clark Weeks.

Frank Ames, retired Post Office City Delivery Clerk.

George Holland.





Porter Grange, 1956. *Front row, left to right:* Mrs. Lula Wentworth, Treasurer; Mrs. Dorothy Locke, Steward; Mrs. Margaret Blazo, Chaplain; Mrs. Annie McGraw, Master; Mrs. Olive Gilman, Overseer; Mrs. Verna Wentworth, Lecturer; Mrs. Evelyn Wentworth, Secretary. *Standing, left to right:*

Mrs. Elsie Stetson, Lady Asst. Steward; Miss Maxine Mills, Asst. Steward; Mrs. Sarah Chase, Pomona; Mrs. Dorothy Durgin, Flora; Mrs. Beulah Goodwin, Ceres; Mrs. Barbara Stacy, Gatekeeper; Mrs. Helen Stacy, Pianist.



Winfield Ayer.

Wayne Pendexter.

Elmont Moore.

Fred Allard, veteran of World War I.

Mrs. Elsie Allard, agent for the Avon Products.

Lloyd Locklin.

Gordon Huntress, local Fire Chief and Engineer at the Glen Bobbin Mill.

Keith Leavitt.

Geo. Arsenault.

Clifford Gilpatrick.

Cecil Gilpatrick, Town Tax Collector.

Jesse L. Gilpatrick, one of the oldest residents of S. Hiram (85 years "young" in 1956).

Fred Smith.

Harry Huntress.

Geneva Foley.

Mrs. Mabel Wiggin.

And now to return to Porter. Of general interest is the newspaper; and such a "herald of good and bad tidings" was The Oxford County Record, published where Mr. Ernest L. Edwards now resides, on Main Street, Kezar Falls. The first issue appeared on Sat., June 30, 1883. Robert Fulton Wormwood was its publisher. 306 issues were printed during its six years of existence — the last issue came out on June 22, 1889, at Fryeburg.

The following desultory observations may be regarded as an "aftermath" preparatory to our leave-taking; when writer and reader bid each other an affectionate farewell!

The "Picnic Area" on Route No. 25, a mile from the Maine-N. H. border, is to the traveler entering the town of Porter — or leaving it — far more than a gesture of "welcome" and "adieu," for here the weary wanderer may tarry for a while to rest his body and refresh his memory.

The Sixth Annual Grange Fair of Porter was held at the Grange Hall in Porter Village on Saturday, Sept. 8, 1956. The general committee was headed by Clayton R. Locke and Herbert MacDonald.



Mrs. Annie McGraw was the ticket chairman. Other committees were: Fancy work, Hazel MacDonald, Evelyn Wentworth, Dorothy Pillsbury and Etta Collins; cooked food, Lillian MacDonald, Olive Gilman, Martha Smith; grabs, Claire MacDonald and Barbara Wentworth; white elephant sale, home and community welfare committee, Frances Mills, Olive Gilman and Dorothy Pillsbury; vegetable exhibit, Lula Wentworth, Owen Stacey, Jr. and Marie Norton; supper, Frances Mills, Dorothy Locke and Verna Wentworth.

Amongst the many exhibits were flowers, vegetables, fruits, fancy work, antiques, hobbies — the "coin man" from North Parsonsfield was there — old photographs of Porter's "old timers" attracted great attention. Quint's hand-carved objects of art and Hallberg's ceramic creations from his pottery at Cornish received high, and richly deserved, praise. Summary: The Grange Fair had been carefully planned and was systematically managed.

Few places, if any, are more dear to youngsters than "swimming holes." And Porter has many of them, most of which have been in existence since time immemorial. One, however, is "man made," namely, the swimming beach at Spectacle Pond. Years of work were required to bring the beach to its present state of enjoyment. Even the view, looking northward, from this beach is inspiring!

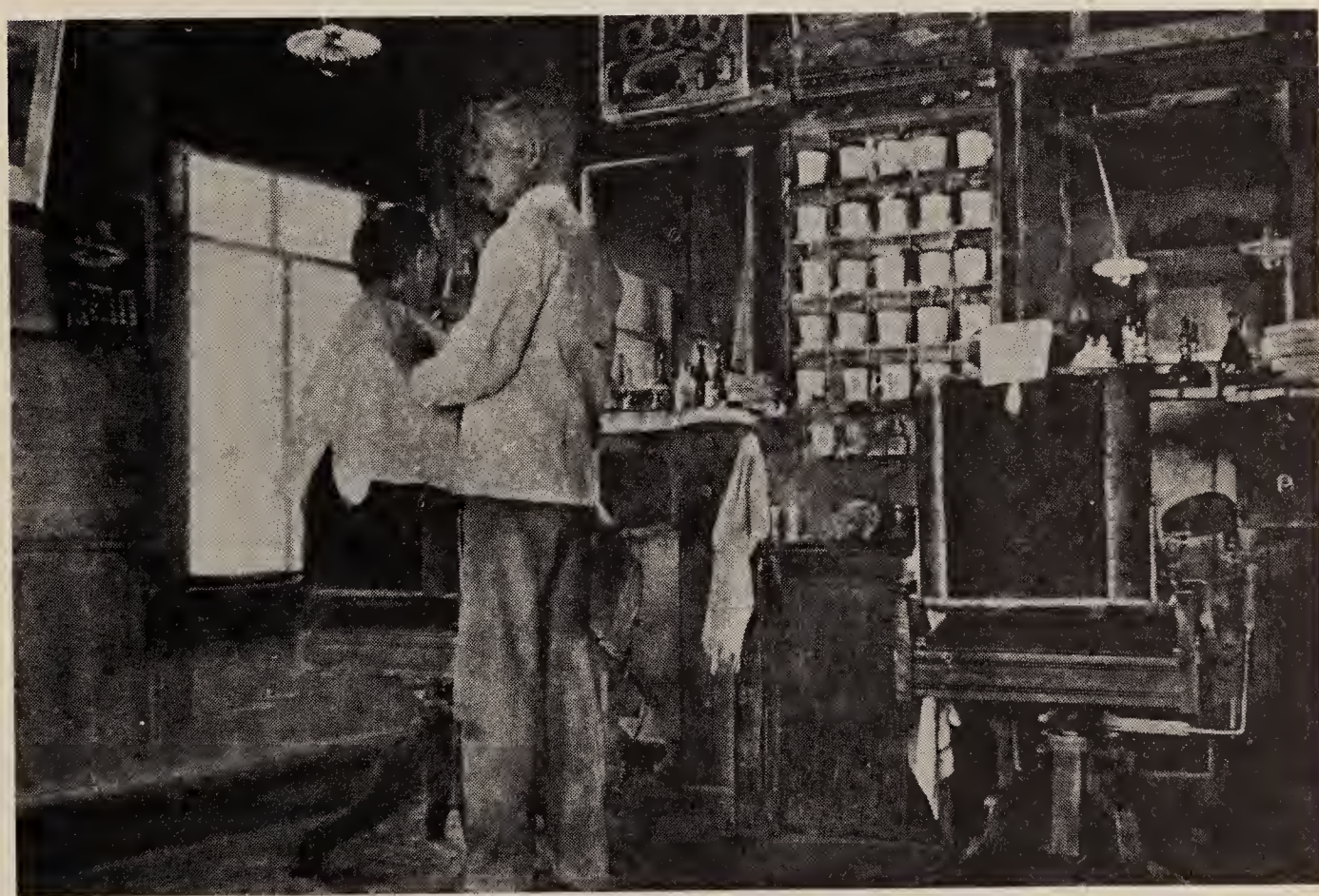
Amongst Porter's numerous, natural landmarks, the least known is what the present writer takes the liberty of calling the "Human Skull Boulder," situated at the site of the one-room schoolhouse in School District No. 5. Seen from the nearby woodland road, this glacial boulder (erratic of granite) presents an exact copy of the back part of a human skull (occiput). It is approximately 12 feet high and 9 feet wide, and the schoolhouse stood less than six feet away.

There is one incident connected with this boulder that commands interest. Mrs. Georgia Durgin, now 92 years of age, attended school here some 80 years ago, and one dark day — probably due to an eclipse of the sun, the schoolroom became too dark for study and so the teacher took her pupils to the top of this rock where sufficient light permitted further study. Levi L. Cook (1866-1939), Lieut. Lucian Stacy (1870-1898) were among those who went to school here — Mr. John Chapman, still with us, also attended this very





Hypothetical Sketch of Stacy Schoolhouse in Porter on the Devil's Den Road. Beside it looms the ponderous boulder, "Skull Rock," so named by the author because of its striking resemblance to a human skull.



Fulton Davis, for many years prior to 1923, was the only barber on the Porter side of the Great Ossipee River in Kezar Falls. He not only was the village barber, but also repaired bicycles except on Saturdays when the weekly shave was in vogue. This picture, shot in 1904, shows the display of individual shaving mugs that were owned in those days by the few more whimsical patrons. Barbering was continued for many years in this same building by Fulton's son, Arthur, and still later by Arthur's son, Harry.





Historic Devil's Den Mountain. The "Den" is shown as a black vertical rectangle in right third of picture. Dr. Wm. Teg, author of this book, is looking into the cellar of the childhood days home of the late Walter Libby and his sister,

Mrs. Georgia Durgin, now 92 years of age. The cellar of their parents is only a few rods away to the left — not shown here. The "Devil's Cart and Wheel Road" is just right of the Den, but not visible here. Photo made in 1956.



school of which only the foundation stones remain. The spring that used to supply the school with water is nearby, but as yet unseen by the present writer. In this environment of serenity the sentimental soul finds food for thought!

At the end of the country road, about half a mile to the north of the big boulder just described, a most impressive view meets the eye. Having passed through an avenue of maples, we come to the remains of the homestead once occupied by Walter T. Libby.

Before us rise the mighty ramparts of Devil's Den! A scene too impressive for mere words alone! There is uranium in those perpendicular cliffs — the Geiger counter tells us so!

The first meeting of the General Committee for the Sesquicentennial of the town of Porter in 1957 was held at Porter High School on Tuesday, Aug. 28, 1956. Considerable work was accomplished in this first meeting and many committee chairmen were appointed.

Yes, there will be a "hot time" in the old town in 1957!





















